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...Identify the FINGER PRINT?

Here are the Clues Just after the final curtain of the new show, "Fun In Heaven," the body of the stage manager, Martin Jefferson, was found sprawled grotesquely behind the scenery. Jefferson's head had been crushed by a blow from a prop spike lying nearby. His left hand held a torn piece of costume material. Screams of lovely Elmira Flynn, star of the show, brought William Adams, leading man, Gertrude La Rue, Mazie Curtis, members of the chorus and the Assistant Manager. Investigation disclosed a finger print on the spike. Finger prints of all suspects were taken. The FINGER PRINT, plus the hidden clue, disclosed which one did it.

WHICH FINGER PRINT WAS ON THE SPIKE?

1 Adams 2 La Rue 3 Curtis 4 Miss Flynn 5 Ass't Mgr.

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What was Hidden Clue?
- ☐ The knotted tie
- ☐ Torn dress of Miss Flynn
- ☐ Position of spike
- ☐ Position of body

Name_____ Age_____

Address_____ RFD or Zone_____

City_____ State_____

Cusack the Pirate

Based on a True Story

HE WAS ONE OF THE TOUGHEST BUZZARDS THAT EVER PLIED THE SPANISH MAIN... EVEN THE PIRATES THEMSELVES HELD A DEADLY FEAR OF THE HATED CUSACK... HE'D ATTACK ANYTHING THAT FLOATED... HERE WE SEE HIM EARLY IN HIS CAREER WHEN HE WAS AN ORDINARY SEAMAN ON A BRITISH SHIP, "THE CAPTAIN NORTH"..... TIED TO A MAST, CUSACK FEELS THE BITING LASHES OF THE "CAT".....

AND IN FIRTH, WHERE CUSACK WAS TRIED AND CONVICTED OF MUTINY BEFORE THE MAST...

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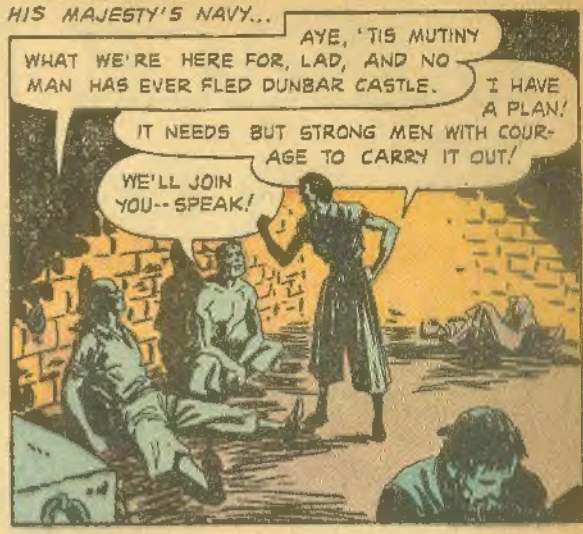
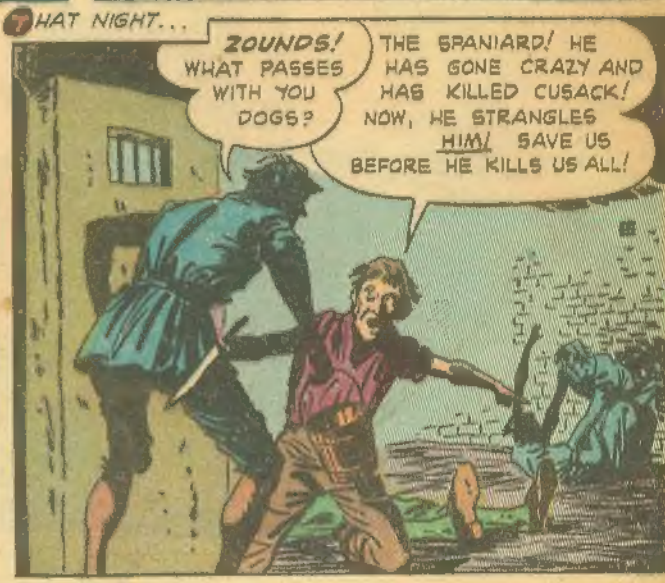
MAYHAP THIS'LL TEACH YE TO HOLD YOUR INSOLENT TONGUE!
NO DUNGEON CAN HOLD ROBERT CUSACK!—THERE WILL COME A DAY WHEN YOU SHALL BE LASHED TO THE MAST AND I SHALL BE WIELDING THE WHIP!


IN THE DUNBAR CASTLE DUNGEONS, CUSACK SOON STARTS A FRIENDSHIP WITH TWO FORMER TARS OF HIS MAJESTY'S NAVY...
AYE, 'TIS MUTINY WHAT WE'RE HERE FOR, LAD, AND NO MAN HAS EVER FLED DUNBAR CASTLE.
I HAVE A PLAN!
IT NEEDS BUT STRONG MEN WITH COURAGE TO CARRY IT OUT!
WE'LL JOIN YOU--SPEAK!

LISTEN CLOSELY THEN. TONIGHT, WHEN THE TURNKEY BRINGS US THE SLOP THIS ACCURSED PLACE CALLS FOOD...


THAT NIGHT...
ZOUNDS! WHAT PASSES WITH YOU DOGS?
THE SPANIARD! HE HAS GONE CRAZY AND HAS KILLED CUSACK! NOW, HE STRANGLES HIM! SAVE US BEFORE HE KILLS US ALL!

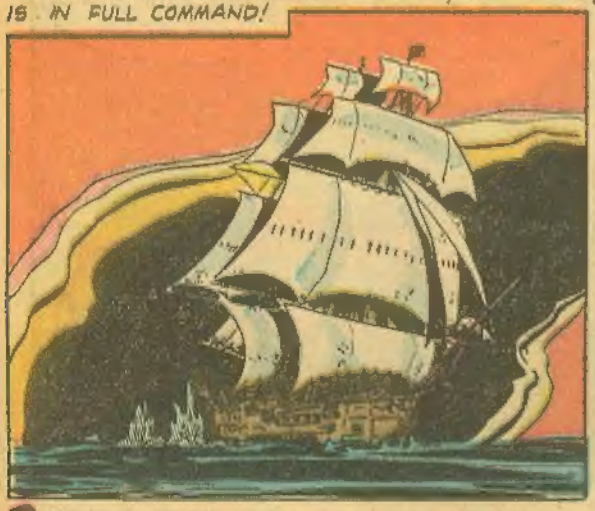
I'LL STOP THE BEGGAR WITH A CLOUT ACROSS HIS... WH--?
GOT HIM! LOOK SHARP, MEN. WE'LL SILENCE THIS FOOL OF A TURNKEY!

THAT SILENCES THIS BEGGAR!! NOW WHAT, CUSACK?
THE WALLS... QUICKLY!

A FEW MINUTES LATER...

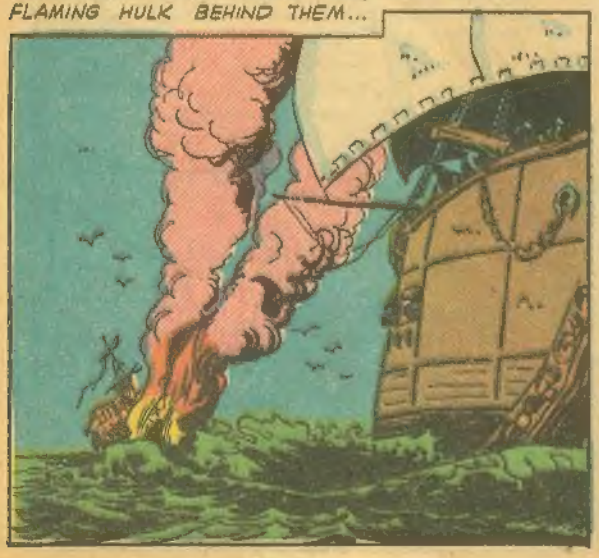
CUSACK COMES ONTO THE BRIDGE, JUST AS HIS THREE COMPANIONS ARRIVE WITH THEIR PRISONERS...

SAILS ARE SET AND THE FRIGATE TACKS OUT TO SEA, AND THE DARK SHAPES THAT SPLASH INTO THE HARBOR FROM HER DECK, ARE HER CAPTAIN AND HIS OFFICERS! CUSACK, THE PIRATE, IS IN FULL COMMAND!



EN ROUTE TO THE TORTUGAS, CUSACK'S SHIP OVERHAULS A LIGHTLY-ARMED MERCHANTMAN, LOADED WITH EAST INDIAN SILK AND SPICES...

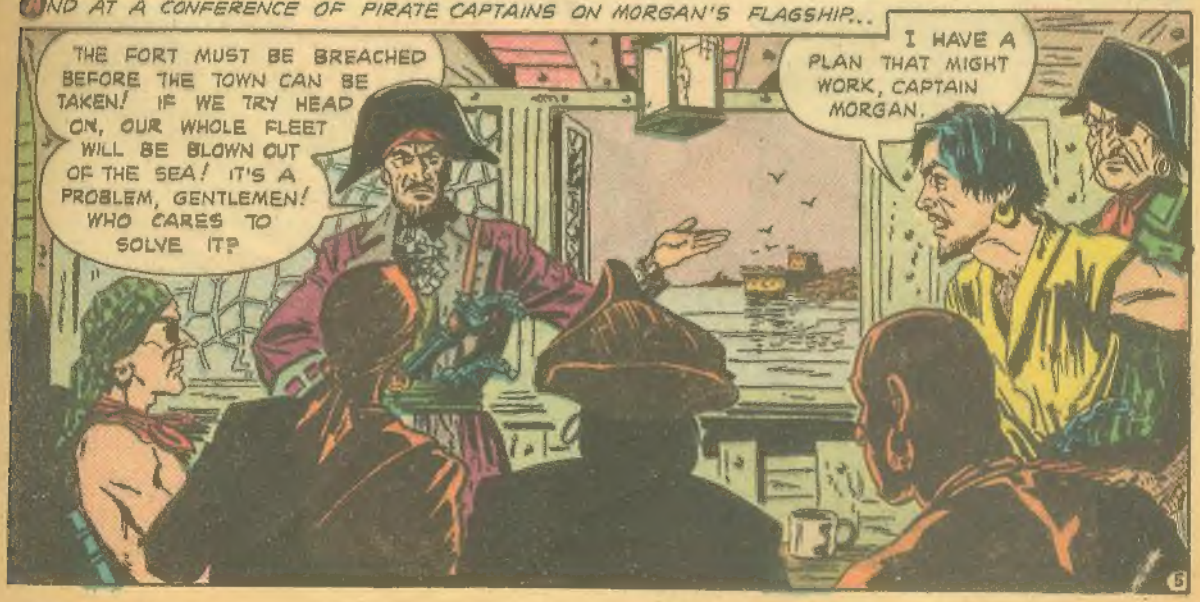
CUSACK'S CREW LOOTS HER, AND LEAVES A FLAMING HULK BEHIND THEM...



SEVERAL WEEKS LATER, TORTUGA...

ON JANUARY 9, 1633, THE PIRATE FLEET ANCHORS OFF THE HARBOR ENTRANCE OF PORTO BELLO...

AND AT A CONFERENCE OF PIRATE CAPTAINS ON MORGAN'S FLAGSHIP...

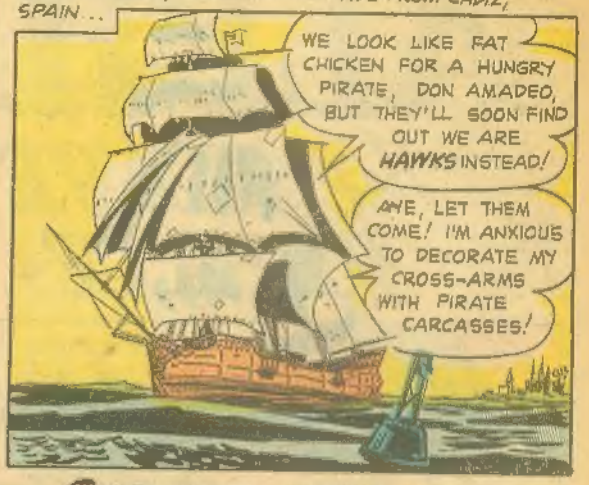


BEHIND A FIRE-SHIP THAT NIGHT, THE PIRATE FLEET MAKES A FULL-SCALE ASSAULT ON THE FORT.

WHILE THE ATTENTION OF THE FORT'S DEFENDERS ARE CENTERED UPON THE FLEET, CUSACK AND HIS CREW APPROACH IT SILENTLY ON ITS LAND SIDE.

PORTO BELLO ITSELF FALLS SHORTLY AFTER AND IS SACKED AND BURNED BY THE PIRATE HORDES.

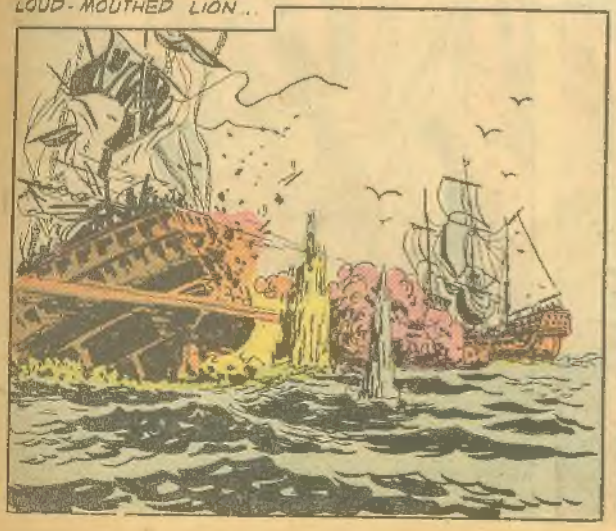
THOUGH IN PORTO BELLO, THE PIRATES HAD THEIR FIELD-DAY, IT WAS TO BE THEIR LAST. FOR THAT VERY DAY, A DEATH TRAP FOR BUCCANEERS, SAILS ON THE TIDE FROM CADIZ, SPAIN...



MONTHS LATER, OFF THE TORTUGAS.

WHILE ABOARD CUSACK'S SHIP...

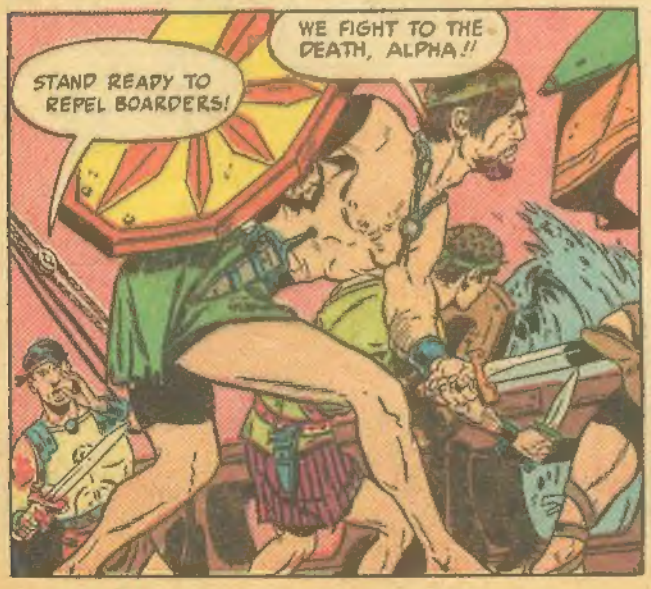
BUT AS THE PIRATES COME IN FOR THE KILL, THE LAMB THEY HOPE TO SHEAR, TURNS INTO A RAGING LOUD-MOUTHED LION...



THE PIRATE SHIP SINKS, CARRYING WITH IT, CUSACK AND HIS CREW...

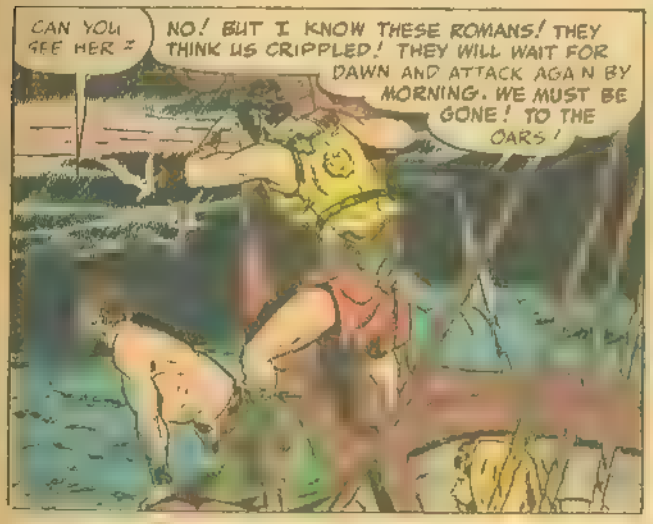
ALPHA
The SLAVE PIRATE

IT WAS THE YEAR 25 A.D. AND THE MIGHTY ROMAN EMPIRE HELD MOST OF THE KNOWN WORLD IN ITS MAILED FIST... ON LAND AND SEA, MEN BOWED TO THE BRUTAL FORCE OF THE CAESARS... BUT THERE WAS ***ONE*** YOUNG GREEK EX-SLAVE WHO COULDN'T BE TAMED—AND HE HATED ROMANS... HIS NAME WAS ALPHA... WITH SOME OF HIS LOYAL FOLLOWERS HE HAS CAPTURED THE ROMAN VESSEL, "GOLDEN EAGLE"— AND NOW IN THE SEA BETWEEN BRITAIN AND GAUL, THEY ARE ABOUT TO BE RAMMED BY THE ROMAN SHIP "TIGER".... THE CAPTAIN OF THE TIGER SHOUTS HIS COMMAND.....



AT SUNDOWN, JUST WHEN THE ROMANS NEARED VICTORY..

THINKING THE GOLDEN EAGLE HELPLESS, THE ROMANS FADED INTO THE DUSK TO RETURN WITH THE DAWN TO ACHIEVE COMPLETE VICTORY....



AND SO, ALPHA'S MEN AND THEIR ROMAN CAPTIVES PULLED TOGETHER TO MOVE THE CRIPPLED SHIP OUT OF DANGER..

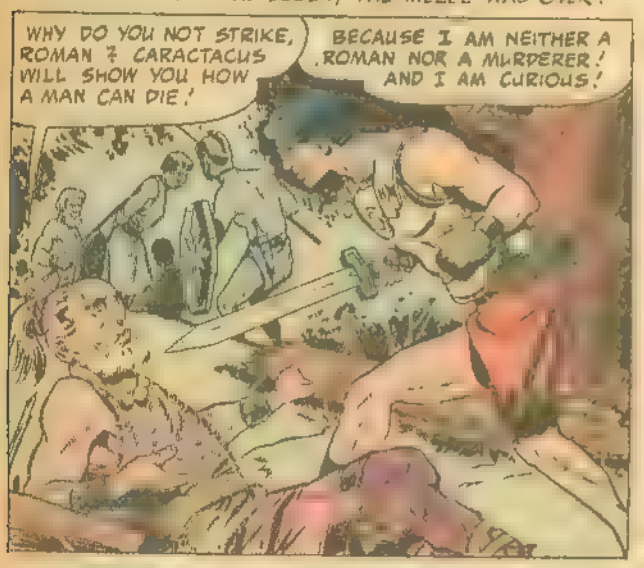
THE ROCK-RIBBED COAST OF BRITAIN.

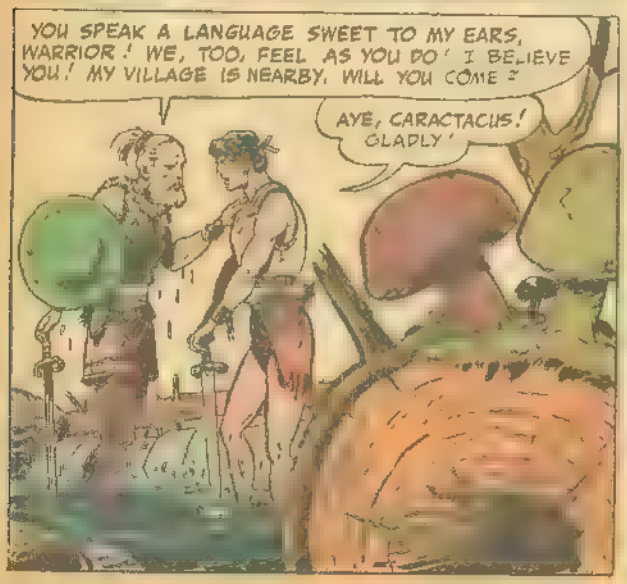
HOW MANY LEADERS HAVE SAID THOSE WORDS, "IF WE ARE LUCKY?" FOR THREE DAYS, THE PIRATES LABORED. ON THE FOURTH, FATE THREW THE DICE... AGAINST THEM!

WITH THE SWIFT CERTAINTY OF LONG PRACTICE, ALPHA GAVE HIS ORDERS. WITHIN AN HOUR, THE PIRATES WERE ON THE MARCH INLAND AWAY FROM THE SEA WHICH HAD SO LONG HARBORED THEM!

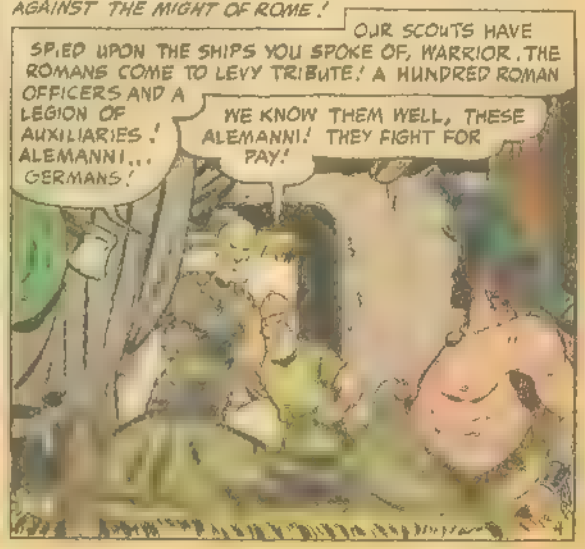
NO MAN HAD EVER TROD HERE BEFORE, OR SO IT SEEMED. YET DANGER HUNG HEAVY IN THE AIR BESIDE WHAT WAS ONE DAY TO BE KNOWN AS HEALD BROOK, THE DANGER TOOK FORM

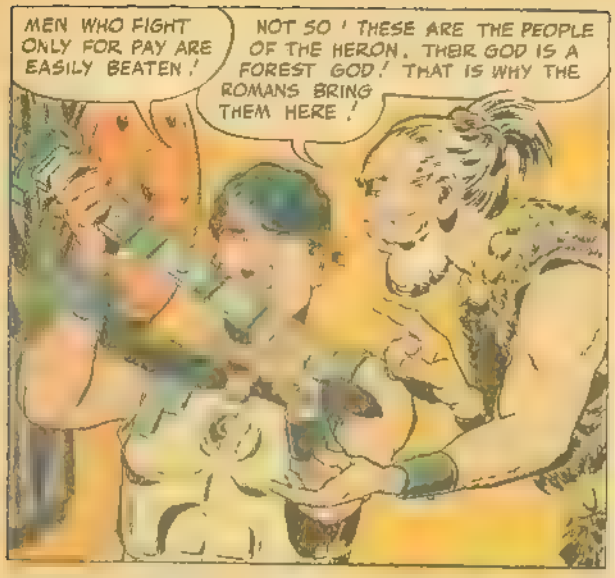
AS SUDDENLY AS IT HAD BEGUN, THE MELEE WAS OVER!

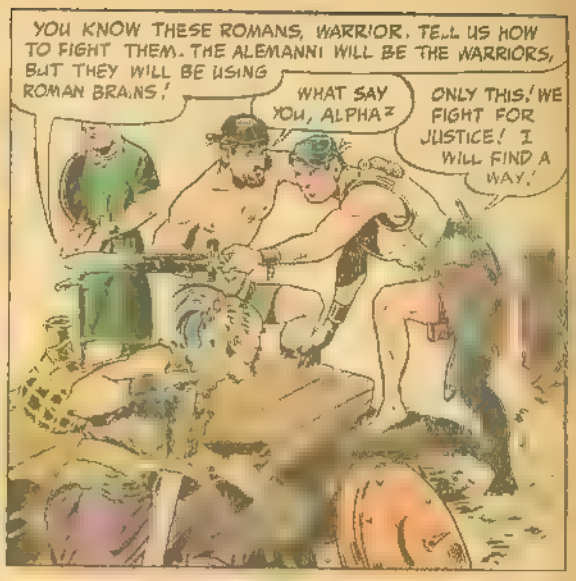




SO BEGAN A STRANGE ALLIANCE... PIRATE AND SAVAGE... AGAINST THE MIGHT OF ROME!

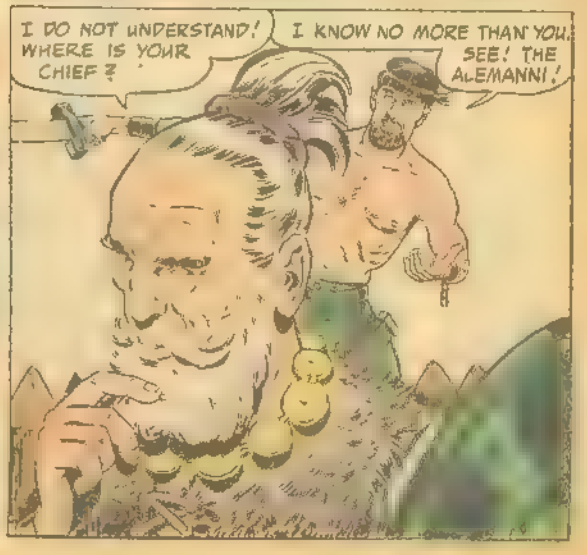




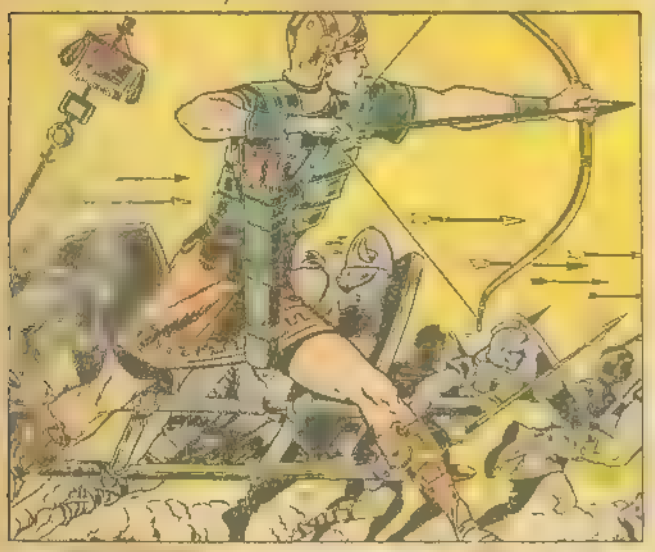


A ROMAN LEGION MOVES SLOWLY. IT WAS THAT UPON WHICH ALPHA BASED HIS PLAN OF BATTLE. THAT AND SOMETHING ELSE

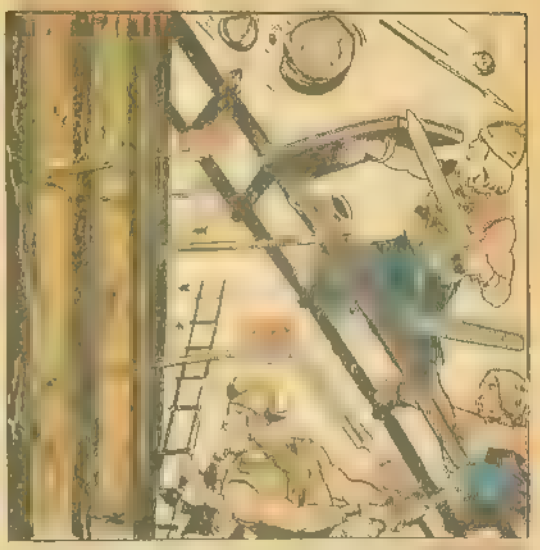
WHEN THE HOUR, THE ROMAN SCOUTS APPEARED...



ALMOST IMMEDIATELY, THE LEGION STARTED TS ATTACK..



THE GERMANS FE NTED AT THE RIGHT FLANK...



BUT A ROMAN LEGION... EVEN OF AUXILIARY TROOPS... IS NOT EASILY HALTED...

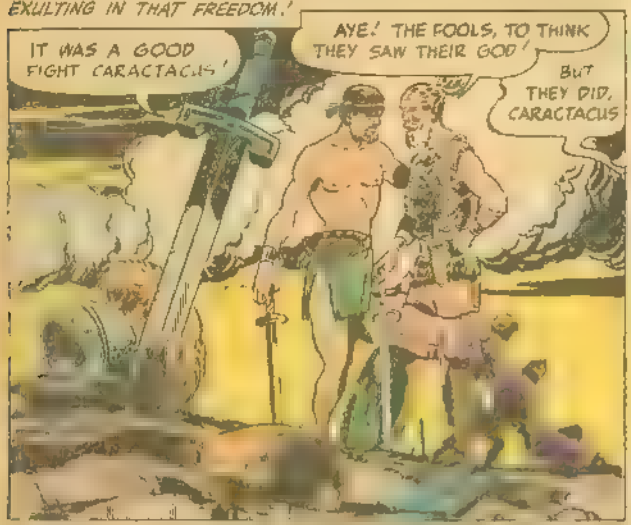
HOUR AFTER HOUR, THE ATTACK WENT ON. THEN, AT DUSK..

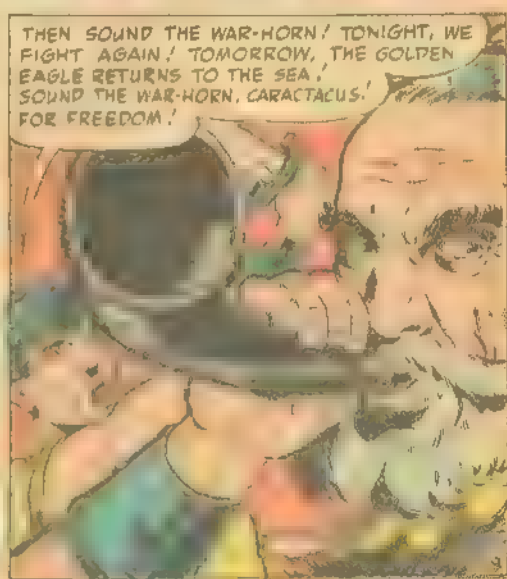
SWIFTLY, THE SHADOWS LENGTHENED. IN A MOMENT, THE WALL WOULD BE BREACHED.' BUT ON THE ROMAN FLANK, SOMETHING WAS HAPPENING.'

FEW THINGS ARE AS CONTAGEOUS AS FEAR... AND SUPERSTITION IS FEAR'S HANDMAIDEN!

THE REMAINING FEW WERE QUICKLY ROUTED.

TO FIGHT FOR FREEDOM IS TO BE DOUBLY ARMED. GREEK AND BRITON STOOD TOGETHER WHEN THE NOISE OF BATTLE HAD DIED, EXULTING IN THAT FREEDOM.'

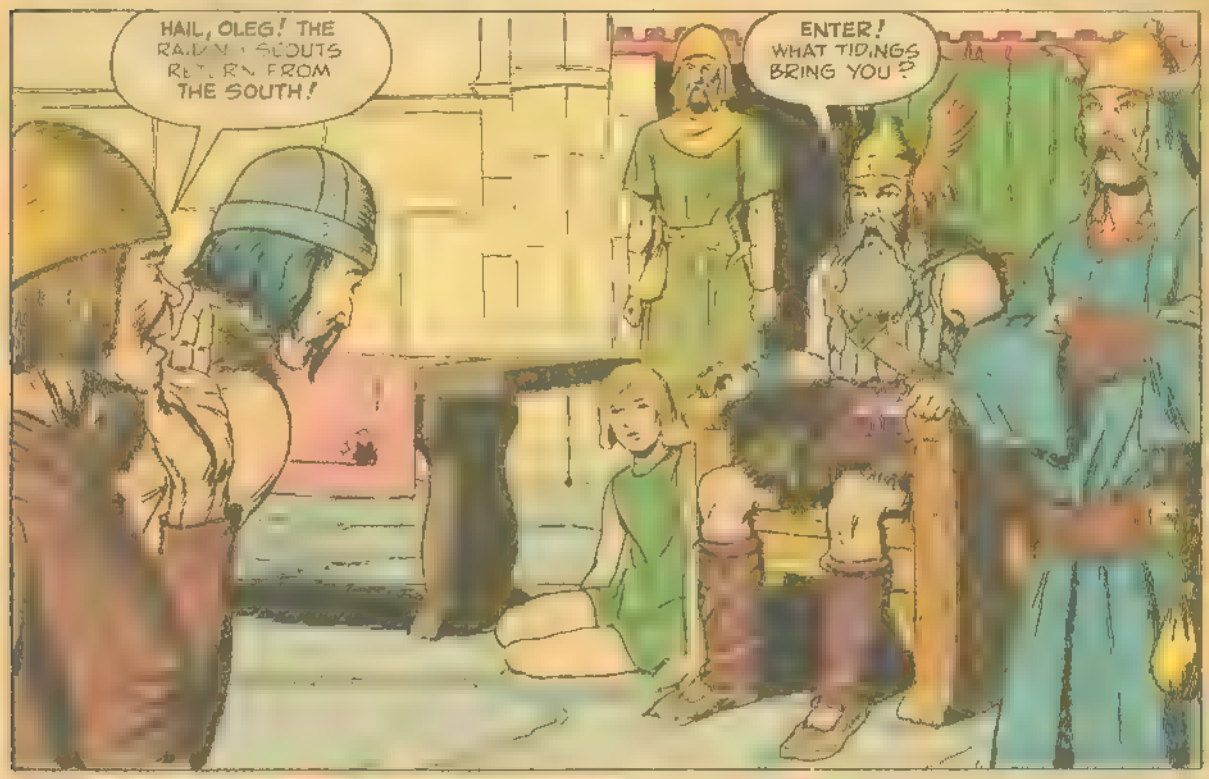




PIRATE ON WHEELS

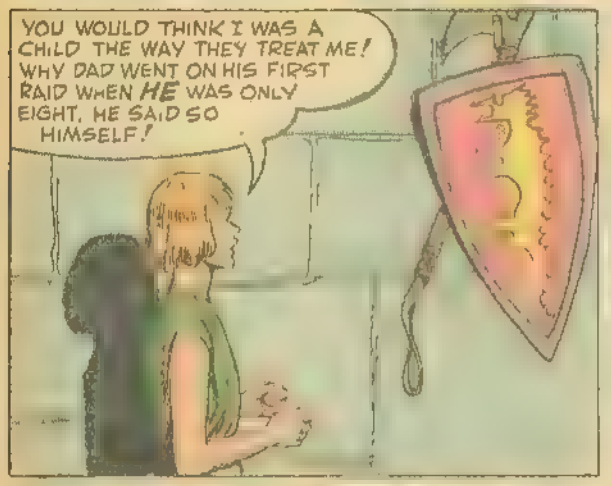
Based on a True Story

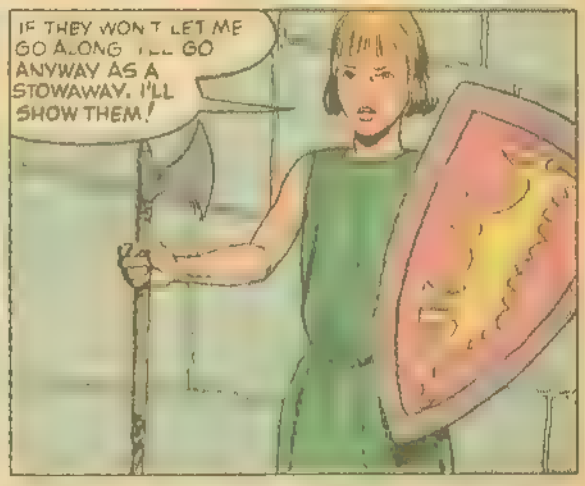
WE'VE SEEN AMPHIBIOUS ATTACK WORK SUCCESSFULLY IN OUR MODERN DAY — BUT IN THE 11TH CENTURY THERE WAS A VIKING PIRATE WHO CAME FROM THE SEA AND SACKED TOWNS BY PUTTING HIS VESSELS ON WHEELS" — HE WAS THE MIGHTY OLEG AND HERE WE SEE HIM WITH HIS YOUNG SON AT THE CITY OF KIEV... A SCOUT REPORTS



NO, YOU CAN'T! NOW RUN ALONG! THIS IS A PIRATE WAR COUNCIL AND NO PLACE FOR CHILDREN!
BUT I'M ALMOST TWELVE, AREN'T I?

THEY'RE MAKING PLANS TO FIGHT THEIR WAY DOWN TO THE BLACK SEA AND MAYBE EVEN TAKE CONSTANTINOPLE ITSELF! I WISH I COULD GO WITH THEM


YOU WOULD THINK I WAS A CHILD THE WAY THEY TREAT ME! WHY DAD WENT ON HIS FIRST RAID WHEN HE WAS ONLY EIGHT. HE SAID SO HIMSELF!

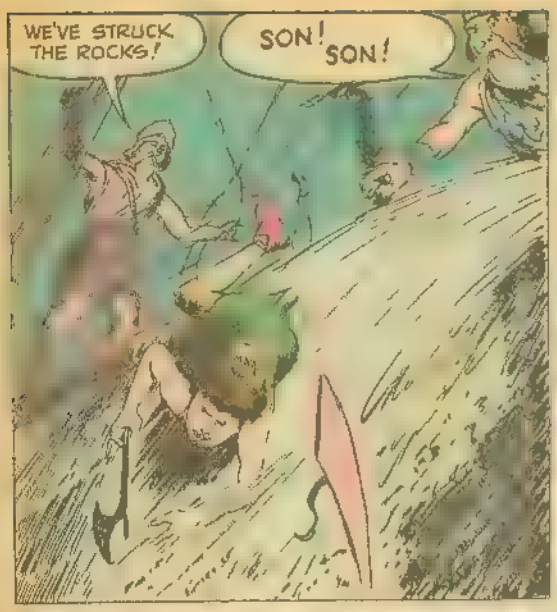

IF THEY WON'T LET ME GO ALONG I'LL GO ANYWAY AS A STOWAWAY. I'LL SHOW THEM!

THAT NIGHT
-- AND WHEN I SHOW THEM WHAT A SWELL PIRATE I AM AND HELP THEM CAPTURE CONSTANTINOPLE AND ALL - I'LL BET THEY'LL BE GLAD I CAME ALONG!

EARLY NEXT MORNING AS THE FIRST RAYS OF DAWN PINK THE SKY

DOWN THE DNIEPER RIVER INTO THE BLACK SEA SAILED THE VIKING PIRATES-WITH A CERTAIN YOUNG WARRIOR STILL IN HIDING....

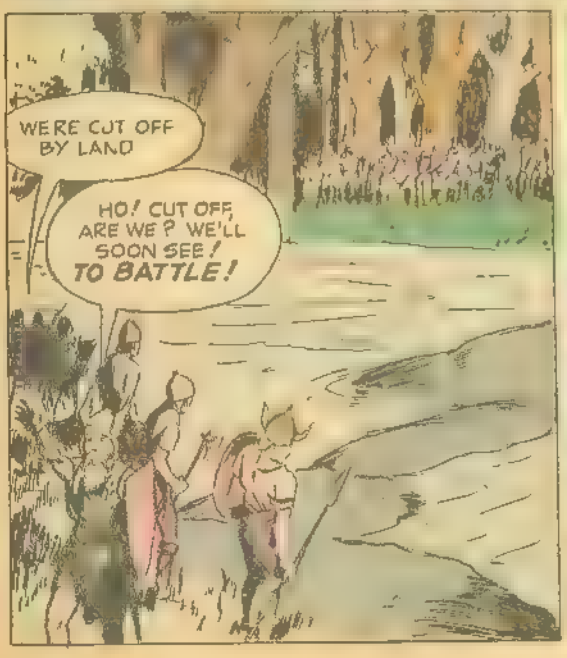
LATER THAT DAY-AS MAN AND THE ELEMENTS CONSPIRE AGAINST THE VIKINGS...


WE'VE STRUCK THE ROCKS!
SON! SON!

THE WAVE IS CARRYING HIM STRAIGHT TOWARD THAT ENEMY CRAFT!

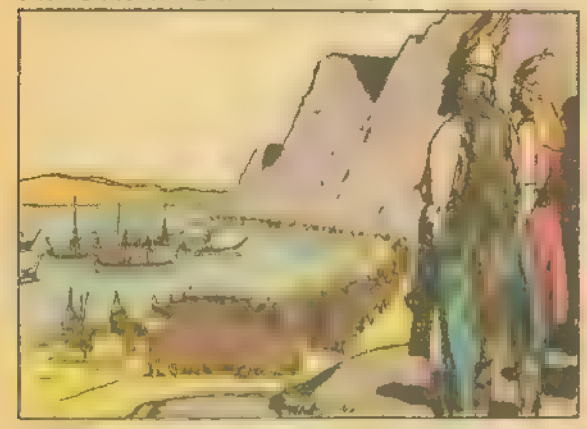
HE'S BEING TAKEN CAPTIVE WAIT'TIL I GET MY HANDS ON THE YOUNG FOOL! BY THE HAMMER OF THOR I'LL TAN HIS HIDE!

ABANDON SHIP! TAKE TO THE ROCKS AND MAKE FOR SHORE!

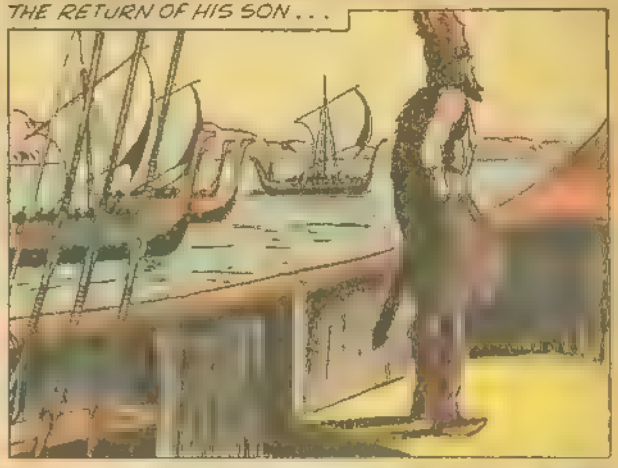

WE'RE CUT OFF BY LAND
HO! CUT OFF, ARE WE? WE'LL SOON SEE! TO BATTLE!

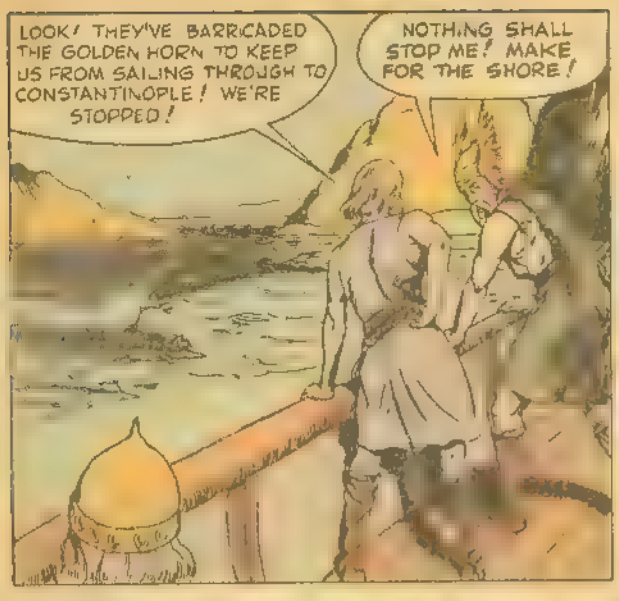
CHARGE! WE FIGHT OUR WAY NORTH – BACK TO KIEV....TO REORGANIZE FOR WAR!

BACK AT KIEV, THE VIKING STRONGHOLD, OLEG, SMARTING UNDER HIS DEFEAT AND INFURIATED BY THE LOSS OF HIS SON, GATHERED 80,000 VIKING FIGHTING MEN AND . . .



2,000 GALLEYS, AND SET OUT ONCE MORE DOWN THE DNIEPER WITH ONE GRIM THOUGHT IN MIND – THE RETURN OF HIS SON . . .

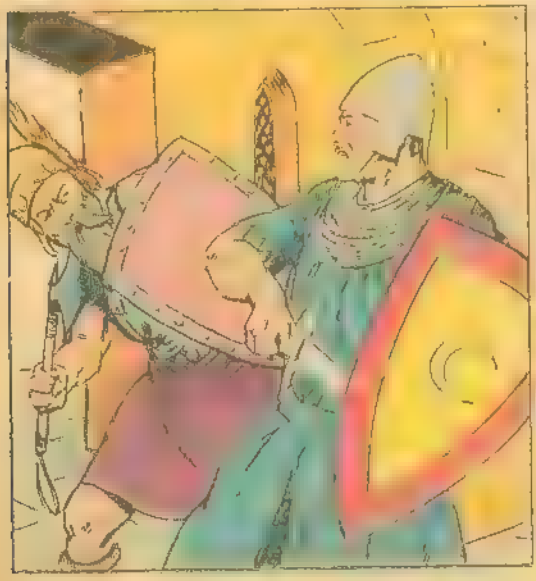




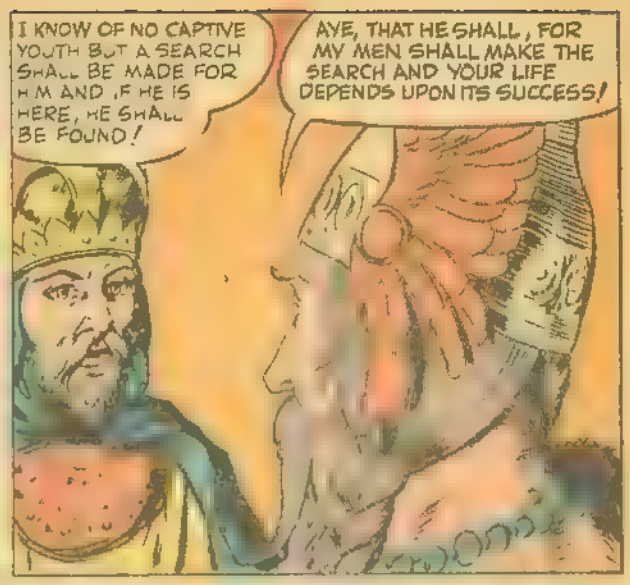
THEN UNDER OLEG'S DIRECTION A STRANGE STRATEGY EVOLVED . . .

. . . THE STRATEGY OF THE FIRST AMPHIBIOUS ATTACK

AS THE INDOMITABLE OLEG AND HIS VIKING PIRATE HORDE SWEPT INTO CONSTANTINOPLE, SHEER PANIC STRICKEN TERROR GRIPPED THE CITY..

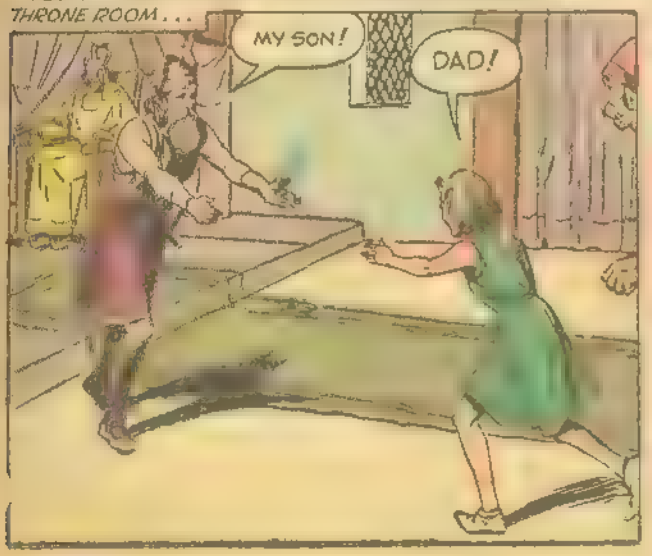


SPARE ME! I SUBMIT AND SURRENDER CONSTANTINOPLE. LEVY WHAT TRIBUTE YOU WILL!
WE SHALL TALK OF TRIBUTE AND TERMS LATER— BUT FIRST - WHERE IS MY SON WHO WAS TAKEN CAPTIVE ?


I KNOW OF NO CAPTIVE YOUTH BUT A SEARCH SHALL BE MADE FOR HIM AND IF HE IS HERE, HE SHALL BE FOUND!
AYE, THAT HE SHALL, FOR MY MEN SHALL MAKE THE SEARCH AND YOUR LIFE DEPENDS UPON ITS SUCCESS!

SEARCH EVERYWHERE AND WHEN YOU FIND HIM - BRING HIM TO ME, AT ONCE!
AYE! IF HE IS HERE, WE WILL FIND HIM, OLEG!

AND SO - AS THE VIKINGS SEARCHED IN THE LIKELIEST PLACES .
HO! SO THERE IS THE YOUNG VIKING PIRATE - DOING BATTLE WITH A TURNIP! HO! HO!
M - MY FATHER'S MEN!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MY SON!
DAD!

MY LITTLE BOY - SAFE AT LAST!

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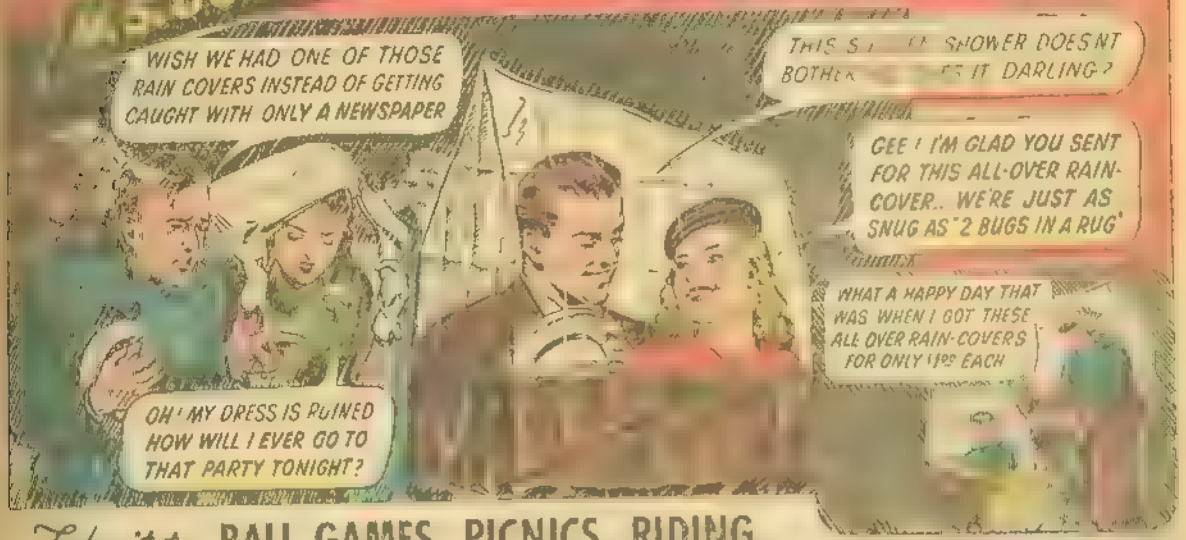

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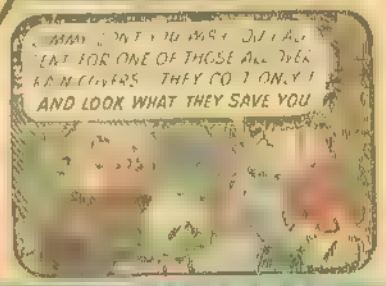

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Pirate Poison

THE most vicious pirates ever to roam any seas and prey on peaceful shipping were the Barbary Pirates. Led by the fanatic Bey of Tunis, these ruthless rovers pillaged, burned and killed wayfarers of every nationality plying the Mediterranean in defenseless merchant ships.

By the year 1803, the situation had grown completely intolerable. The wily Bey, fearing the might of the British and French navies, had made his peace with these powers. But ships flying the Stars and Stripes were easy game for his cutthroats.

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The United States was still weak from the gigantic struggle for freedom. Its navy was small, poorly-manned and badly-armed. The young nation was struggling in the first pangs of its growing pains. Overseas commerce was the life-blood of the Republic and the Mediterranean Sea led to the rich markets of Asia Minor, Spain and Italy.

But the Barbary pirates held his vital sea lane in a deadly grip. After they had made peace with the British and French, the full might of the sea raiders was turned against the United States.

Under the treaty with England and France, those nations paid a monthly tribute to the Bey of Tunis. This permitted them unrestricted use of the Mediterranean. A similar settlement was offered to the United States. The answer was a ringing "NO"! Popular resentment rose quickly, and a clamor for action against the Barbary Pirates reached a patriotic peak.

The spirit of the times was summed up in the ringing slogan, "Millions for Defense—but not one cent for tribute"! Infuriated by the refusal of their terms, the Barbary Pirates—now aided by forces from Tripoli—attacked American shipping with increasing fury. Those hapless sailors who were not killed in the attacks of the pirates, were thrown into slave gangs, where they existed under the most inhuman conditions.

Soon, hundreds of American citizens were prisoners of the corsairs. Popular indignation mounted in the United States and, although the navy was far from ready for extensive action, a squadron under Commodore Preble set sail for the Mediterranean Sea, with orders to destroy the enemy, and protect all shipping flying the American flag.

If at all feasible, it was further ordered that attempts be made to rescue as many American prisoners as possible.

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The squadron, headed by the pride of the fledgling Navy, the 48-gun frigate "Philadelphia," arrived in enemy waters at the close of 1803. Among the components of the group was a man-of-war named the "Enterprise," which was commanded by a twenty-four-year-old Lieutenant, who was destined to become one of the greatest naval heroes in our nation's history. He was Stephen Decatur. Today, four cities in as many states, Alabama, Georgia, Illinois and Indiana, bear his name.

But in 1803, there was no indication that Decatur would ever be more than a capable naval officer. The deed which was to mark him in the nation's archives as a hero, was still months away.

Oddly, the feat which made him famous entailed one of the most heartbreaking tasks ever to confront an American officer. It came about on a day in February, 1804.

The Frigate Philadelphia with its crew at battle stations, scoured the Mediterranean, seeking out the ships of the Barbary pirates. It met with some success, and its powerful ten and twelve-pound guns belched destruction to the villainous corsairs. The accurate gunnery of the Americans soon taught the pirates that the Stars and Stripes did not fly over the heads of cowards. The Philadelphia was the answer to the insults and humiliation of the past. Its roaring cannon were a song of defiance which made the pirates of Algiers, Tunis and Tripoli tremble in the knowledge of the retribution that was surely heading their way. The noise of friendly cannon fire brought the light of hope into the eyes of American prisoners, and their pinched faces wore smiles, as news of the Philadelphia's successes reached them in their dungeon cells.

But the wily Pirates were not yet defeated. If they could not beat the great Frigate in open battle, they would destroy it by some ruse. It was a simple plan they worked out.

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The Philadelphia, on one of its scouting trips, met up with a fleet of small ships manned by the Pirates. These turned heel and fled, hotly pursued by the eager Preble, who impatiently paced the quarterdeck of his ship, ordering his crew to hoist as much sail as possible, for this

was the greatest assemblage of pirate craft he had yet come across. At one blow, the fiery Commodore felt, he could deal the corsairs a smashing defeat.

Signalling the rest of the squadron to follow, Preble gave chase right into the mouth of Tripoli harbor. But here, calamity struck. To a large degree, the harbor waters were uncharted, and just as the crafty pirates had planned, the keel of the Philadelphia rammed into one of the numerous sand bars, and held fast. The mightiest vessel of the United States Navy was trapped.

True, the giant was immobile, but far from helpless. Preble knew that the Bey did not want to destroy the Philadelphia if at all possible. With such a prize, manned by Barbary pirates, he could readily sweep the seas, and no merchantman would be safe.

Realizing that his ship was hopelessly trapped, Preble ordered every gun to action. For hours, the broadsides of the ship pounded the harbor works of Tripoli, with some shells from the bigger guns smashing into the heart of the city.

But as night began to fall and under cover of darkness, pirate craft commenced surrounding the ship. Preble ordered his men to abandon their posts, and man the longboats.

An attempt was made to scuttle the Philadelphia but due to a sudden pirate attack, it was abandoned, and the Americans escaped as best they could. Some, including Preble, managed to reach the squadron, and Decatur's ship, the Enterprise was made flag-ship. Others, not so fortunate, were captured or fell fighting on the decks of the frigate which was taken with great jubilation by the pirates.

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The situation was serious. Little damage had befallen the Philadelphia. In a short time, the Tripolitanians, would manage to refloat the vessel. Then, with such a powerful weapon, they would indeed become the scourge of the seas.

All through the anxious night, the Americans manned their battle-stations, eyes straining in the darkness, for any sudden movement in the harbor. They knew that the pirates were feverishly working to free their prize.

As the sun rose, it was seen that the hard-working Pirates had succeeded. In all its majesty, the mighty Philadelphia rode easily at anchor, while all around it swarmed the small craft of the corsairs. Through telescopes, it was apparent that they were putting the ship in order, and it remained only for minor technical difficulties to be ironed out before the guns of the frigate would be turned against the Americans. Worst of all, at the masthead in place of Old Glory, flew the crescent and star of the Mohammedan corsairs.

This was a time for action. The Americans had to work fast. Commodore Preble knew that there was only one course to take. He called young Decatur to his cabin and gave him a single order. "Destroy the Philadelphia. It must be done tonight."

Decatur saluted. It was far from a pleasant task. But it had to be done.

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The trigger-fast mind of Decatur soon hit on a workable plan. There were several captured,pirate small-boats with the squadron. They were fast and easily maneuvered with a shallow draft.

Selecting ten men, Decatur briefed them on the job ahead. They would disguise themselves as Barbary fishermen. The craft was to be loaded with inflammables. At midnight, they would enter the harbor, reach the Philadelphia, overwhelm the guard and set the great ship afire, getting away as best they could. It was a daring plan, but this was the only hope left to the Americans

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That night, the ten men and Decatur prepared to make the sacrifice. Silently they slipped into their small-boat They could see the Philadelphia silhouetted in the moonlight.

Tense, terrible minutes slipped by, as the men, crouching in the shadows, each clutching a cutlass and pistol, waited until the precise moment they would strike.

Their boat scraped against the frigate. With a shout, Decatur leaped for the anchor rope, and pulled himself aboard hand-over-hand closely followed by the others. The startled pirates who manned the captured ship never knew what was happening. Like wild men, the Americans cut them down with flashing cutlasses.

They worked with the fury of men possessed. Quickly the inflammables were set in place. Decatur gave the signal. A flaming torch was dropped into the hold of the ill-fated ship, and the raiders fled to the small-boat that bobbled at the side of the warship.

Now they manned the sweeps, frantically pulling at the oars. Every second was precious. By this time the alarms had sounded, and shore batteries opened fire blindly. The flames commenced to eat the once-proud frigate.

Suddenly there was a terrible explosion, which rocked the harbor. A tongue of fire had reached a powder magazine and the gallant Philadelphia was no more.

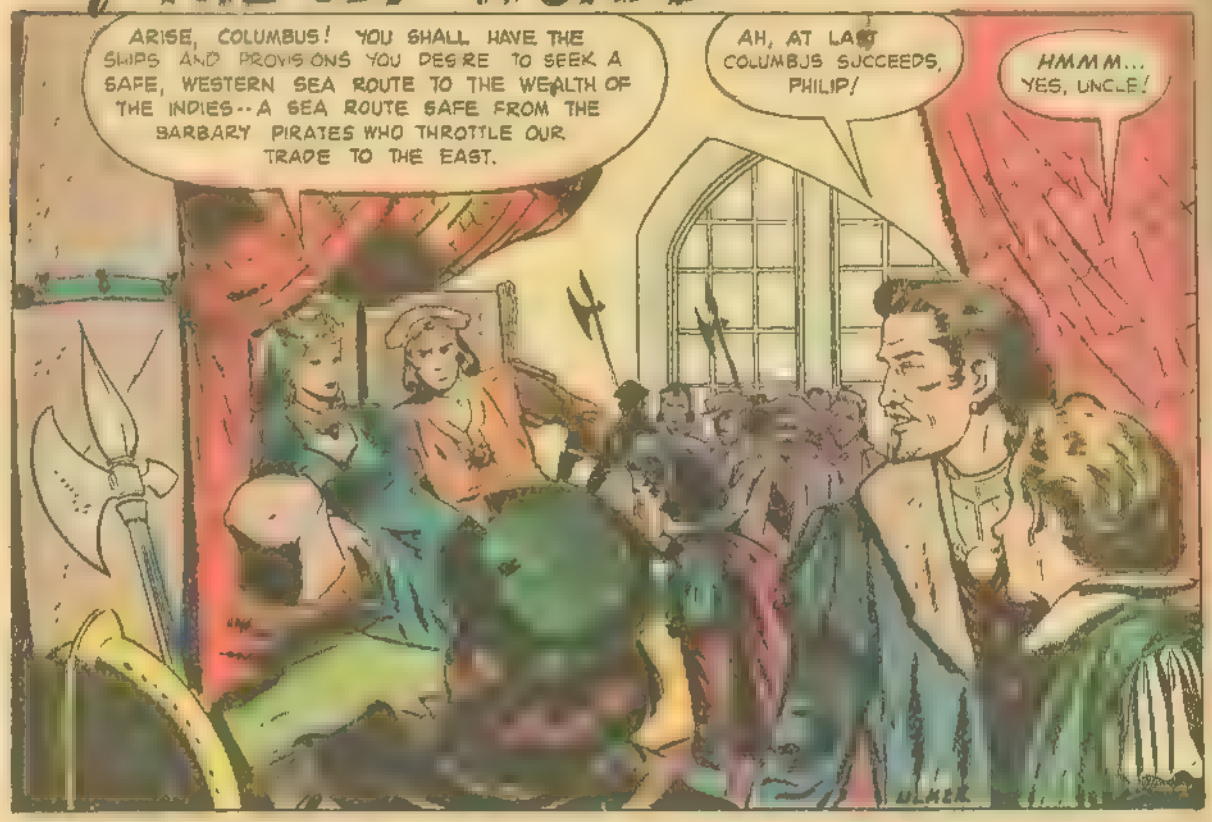
Out of range of pirate guns now, Stephen Decatur looked back at the burning hulk. The sacrifice had been made. The pride of the tiny United States Navy had been destroyed by Americans, but Decatur and the other brave men knew that its loss would be replaced and that they had done a mighty deed to help free men stay free.

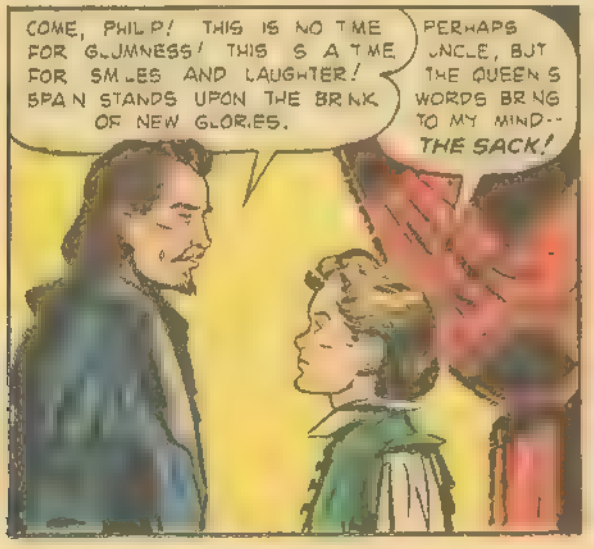
The End

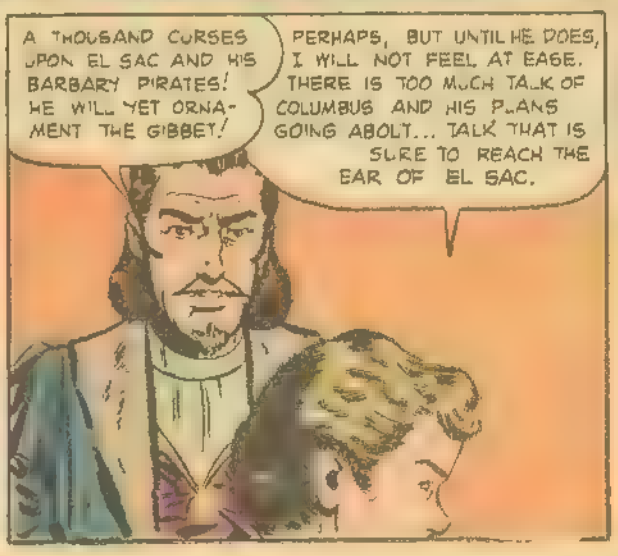
Philip Ashton

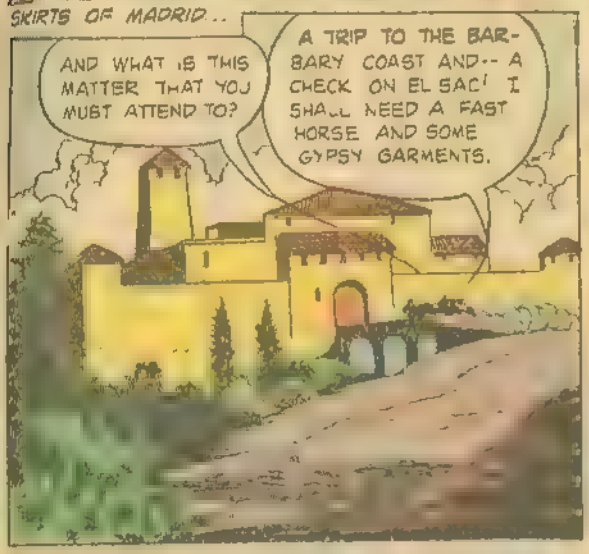
BOY PIRATE FIGHTER of THE OLD WORLD

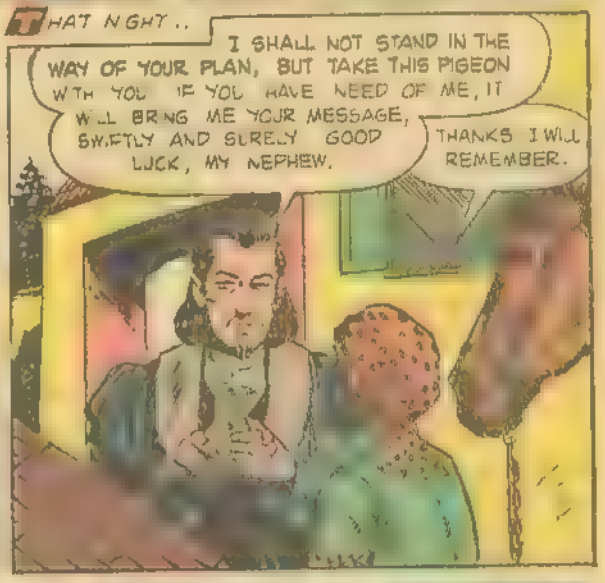
PHILIP ASHTON WAS A 15TH CENTURY ENGLISH BOY WHO TRAVELED TO SPAIN TO VISIT HIS UNCLE DON VIZCO, WHO WAS A NOBLEMAN AT THE SPANISH COURT... NOW IT IS 1492 AND YOUNG PHILIP AND HIS UNCLE LOOK ON AS THE SPANISH QUEEN SATISFIES THE REQUEST OF A LITTLE KNOWN ADVENTURER WHOSE NAME IS COLUMBUS....

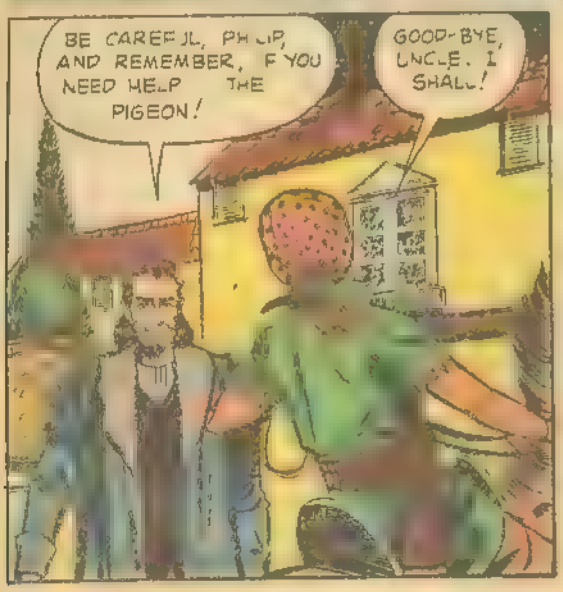




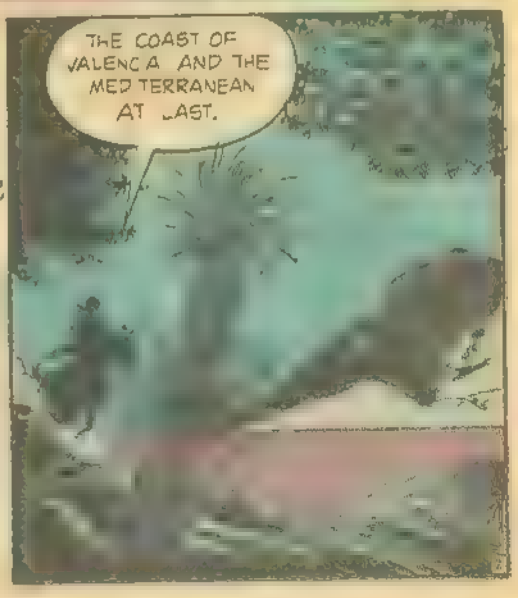








TWO NIGHTS LATER, AS THE INTREPID ADVENTURER, PHILIP ASHTON, CONTINUES HIS GRUELING RACE TO THE EAST...



NOW TO BORROW ONE OF THESE SAILBOATS FOR THE NEXT LEG OF MY JOURNEY!

ON TO THE BARBARY COAST AND EL SAC'S STRONGHOLD IN ALGIERS. RUBBING THIS CLAY ON MY FACE AND HANDS WILL STRENGTHEN MY DISGUISE.

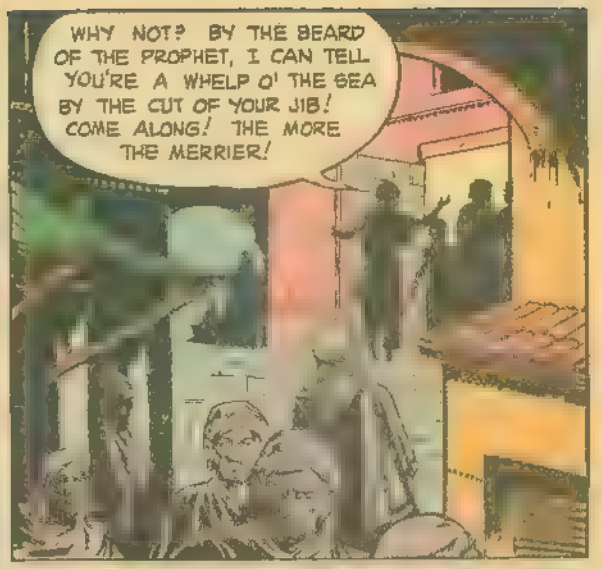
AHOY THERE, LAD! ARE YE COME FROM SPAIN?
AYE! THAT I AM AND NOTHING TO SHOW FOR IT!

AND WHAT NEWS BRING YE OF COLUMBUS?
HE SOON SETS SAIL FROM THE PORT OF PALOS!

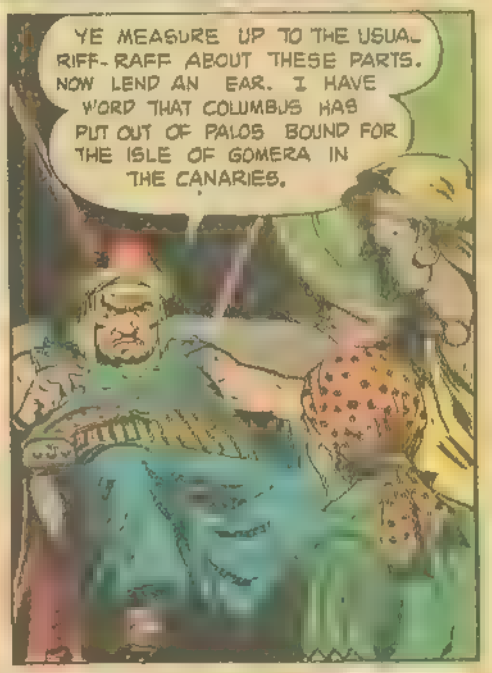
HO! YOUR NEWS IS STALE! WE ALREADY KNOW THAT HE SAILS OUT OF PALOS FOR THE CANARY ISLES!
BUT IF EL SAC HAS HIS WAY -- HE'LL SAIL NO FURTHER!

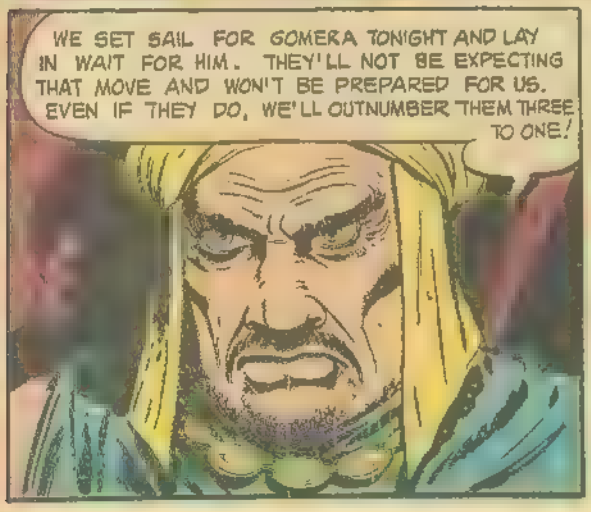
PERHAPS I MAY BE ABLE TO DRAW SOME INFORMATION FROM THEM
I'VE HEARD IT SAID THAT EL SAC WILL TAKE THE MEASURE OF COLUMBUS BEFORE HE LEAVES THE CANARIES

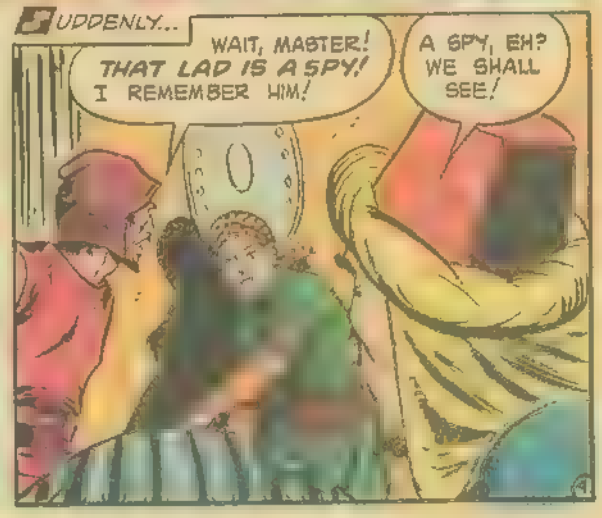
THE MASTER, EL SAC, IS GETTIN' TOGETHER A FORCE EVEN NOW TO SCUTTLE COLUMBUS' SHIPS BEFORE HE CAN PUT THE CANARY ISLES BEHIND HIM—AND WE'RE ON, OUR WAY TO JOIN HIM!
CAN I GO WITH YOU AND JOIN, TOO?

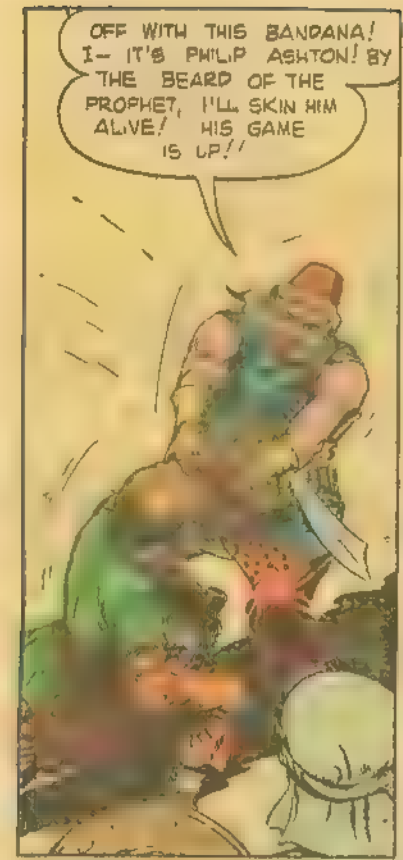

WHY NOT? BY THE BEARD OF THE PROPHET, I CAN TELL YOU'RE A WHELP O' THE SEA BY THE CUT OF YOUR JIB! COME ALONG! THE MORE THE MERRIER!

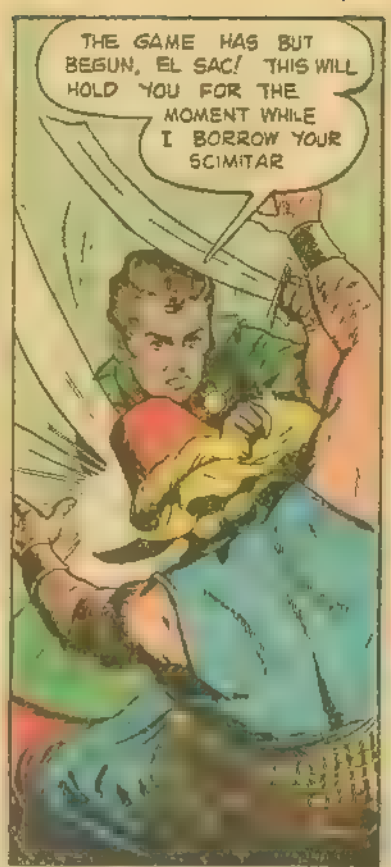
THERE'S EL SAC NOW! WE HAVE COME TO JOIN YE!
GOOD! STEP UP HERE AND LET ME HAVE A LOOK AT YE!


YE MEASURE UP TO THE USUAL RIFF-RAFF ABOUT THESE PARTS. NOW LEND AN EAR. I HAVE WORD THAT COLUMBUS HAS PUT OUT OF PALOS BOUND FOR THE ISLE OF GOMERA IN THE CANARIES.

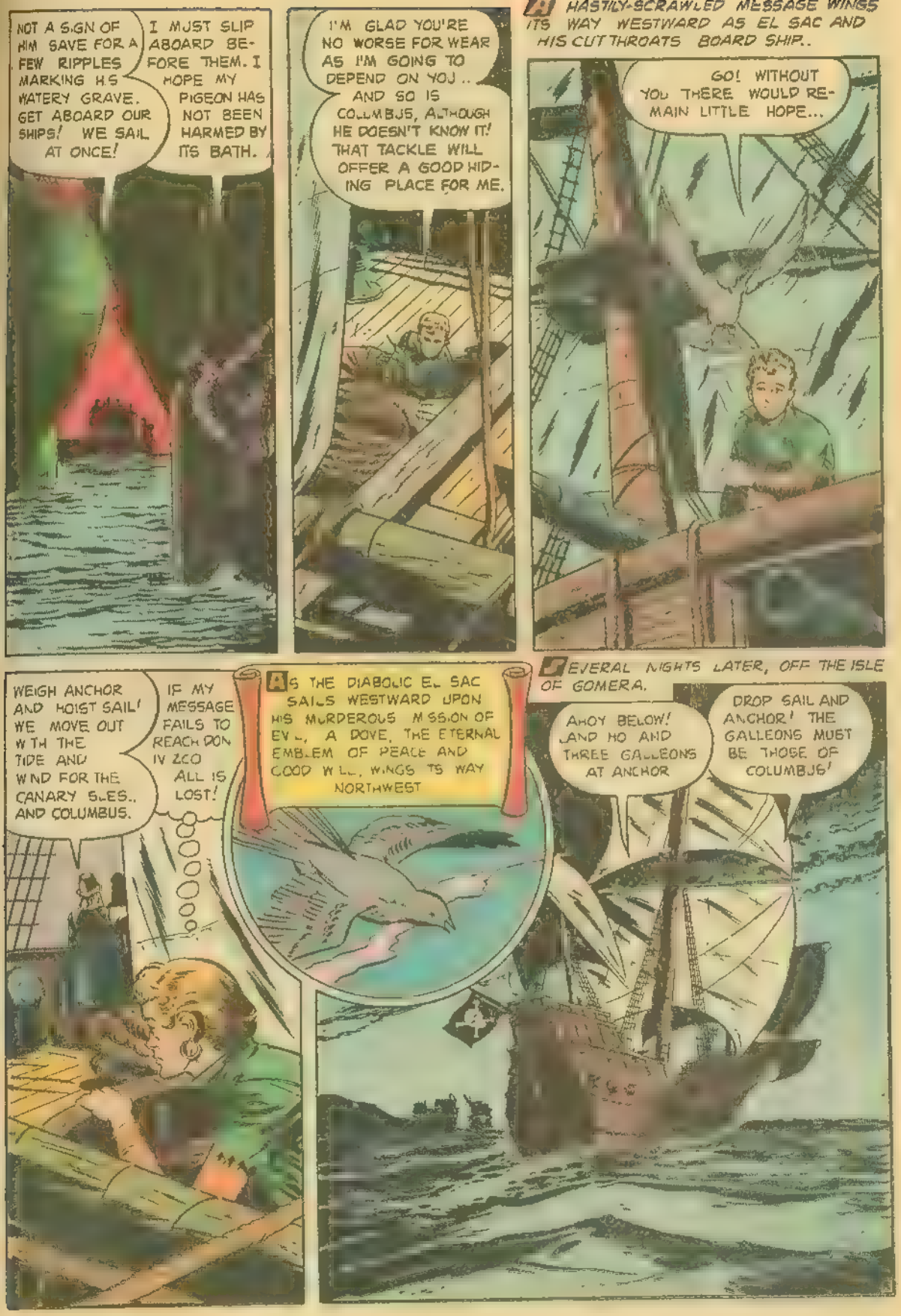

WE SET SAIL FOR GOMERA TONIGHT AND LAY IN WAIT FOR HIM. THEY'LL NOT BE EXPECTING THAT MOVE AND WON'T BE PREPARED FOR US. EVEN IF THEY DO, WE'LL OUTNUMBER THEM THREE TO ONE!


SUDDENLY...
WAIT, MASTER! THAT LAD IS A SPY! I REMEMBER HIM!
A SPY, EH? WE SHALL SEE!



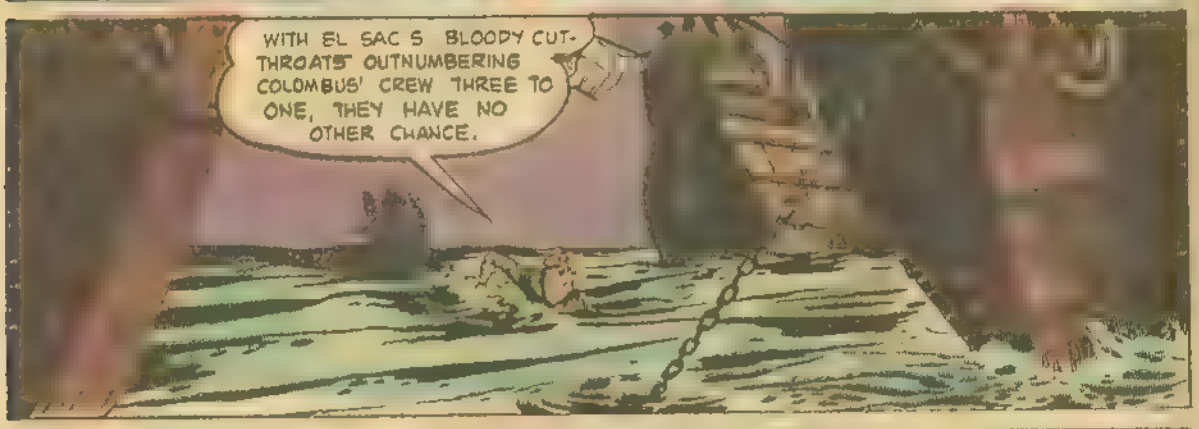


BEFORE THE BEWILDERED HORDE OF PIRATES CAN RECOVER FROM THEIR SURPRISE...


NOT A SIGN OF HIM SAVE FOR A FEW RIPPLES MARKING HIS WATERY GRAVE. GET ABOARD OUR SHIPS! WE SAIL AT ONCE!
I MUST SLIP ABOARD BEFORE THEM. I HOPE MY PIGEON HAS NOT BEEN HARMED BY ITS BATH.
I'M GLAD YOU'RE NO WORSE FOR WEAR AS I'M GOING TO DEPEND ON YOU.. AND SO IS COLUMBUS, ALTHOUGH HE DOESN'T KNOW IT! THAT TACKLE WILL OFFER A GOOD HIDING PLACE FOR ME.
A HASTILY-SCRAWLED MESSAGE WINGS ITS WAY WESTWARD AS EL SAC AND HIS CUTTHROATS BOARD SHIP..
GO! WITHOUT YOU THERE WOULD REMAIN LITTLE HOPE...
WEIGH ANCHOR AND HOIST SAIL! WE MOVE OUT WITH THE TIDE AND WIND FOR THE CANARY ISLES.. AND COLUMBUS.
IF MY MESSAGE FAILS TO REACH DON IVZCO ALL IS LOST!
AS THE DIABOLIC EL SAC SAILS WESTWARD UPON HIS MURDEROUS MISSION OF EVIL, A DOVE, THE ETERNAL EMBLEM OF PEACE AND GOOD WILL, WINGS ITS WAY NORTHWEST
SEVERAL NIGHTS LATER, OFF THE ISLE OF GOMERA.
AHOY BELOW! LAND HO AND THREE GALLEONS AT ANCHOR
DROP SAIL AND ANCHOR! THE GALLEONS MUST BE THOSE OF COLUMBUS!

YON RIDE THE GALLEONS OF COLUMBUS AT ANCHOR. GET YOUR REST WHILE THE MOON SHINES. IN THE DARKNESS OF MOON-WANE WE STRIKE!
I MUST WARN COLUMBUS!

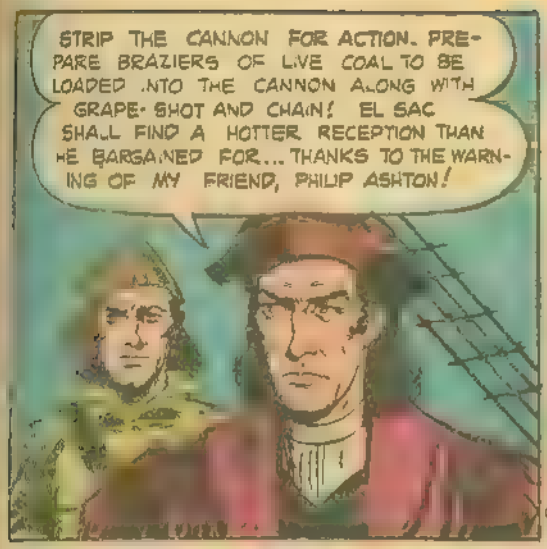
THERE IS NOT A MOMENT TO LOSE! COLUMBUS MUST SAIL AT ONCE IF HE IS TO ESCAPE.


WITH EL SAC'S BLOODY CUT-THROATS OUTNUMBERING COLOMBUS' CREW THREE TO ONE, THEY HAVE NO OTHER CHANCE.

WHO COMES ABOARD?
I HAVE COME TO WARN COLUMBUS OF IMPENDING DISASTER! I MUST SEE HIM AT ONCE!
WHO WOULD SEE COLUMBUS?

IT IS I, PHILIP ASHTON! EL SAC AND HIS PIRATES ARE PREPARED TO PREVENT YOUR SEARCH FOR A WESTERN SEA ROUTE TO THE INDIES. YOU MUST SAIL AT ONCE, SIR-- BEFORE THE MOON WANES.

THANK YE, PHILIP ASHTON, BUT I CANNOT SAIL!... THERE IS NO WIND AND THE TIDE DOES NOT RUN OUT UNTIL DAWN. WE HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO STAY AND FIGHT!!



DARKNESS SETTLES AND THE MUFFLED DIP OF OARS REACHES THE SHARP EARS OF PHILIP ASHTON.

WHISPERED COMMAND RUNS THROUGH THE RANKS OF TENSE, WAITING CANNONEERS.

A FEW MINUTES LATER, AS EL SAC GOES INTO DEADLY ACTION.

A FEW MINUTES LATER, OUT OF THE MIST TO THE NORTH, IN THE DAWN'S EARLY LIGHT...

LOOK! A FLEET OF MAN-O-WAR... FLYING THE COLORS OF SPAIN!

IT'S A MIRACLE -- NO LESS!

THERE GOES THEIR CANNON INTO ACTION LOOK! EL SAC IS ATTEMPTING TO TURN AND MAKE A RUN FOR IT!

A DIRECT HIT TO EL SAC'S POWDER MAGAZINE!

IN TURNING TO FLEE, HE EXPOSED HIS MOST VULNERABLE SPOT... THE AFT POWDER CHAMBER!

BOOM

LOOK! A PARTY FROM THE MAN-O-WAR IS COMING TO MEET US IN A SMALL BOAT! IT-- IT'S MY UNCLE-- DON IVIZCO!

PHILIP, MY NEPHEW I RECEIVED YOUR MESSAGE AND SET OUT AT ONCE WITH AN ARMED FLEET GLAD WE ARRIVED IN TIME TO SAVE YOU BY BLASTING EL SAC AND HIS CUTTHROATS FROM THE SEA!

ADIOS, DON IVIZCO AND PHILIP ASHTON! BUT FOR YOU, MY EXPEDITION WOULD NOT HAVE STARTED! WHAT COMES OF IT, I OWE TO YOU! THE TIDE IS MOVING TO THE WEST AND WE SAIL WITH IT!

GOOD-BYE, COLUMBUS! AND GOOD LUCK ON YOUR BOLD VENTURE OF DISCOVERY!

THERE GOES COLUMBUS SAILING TO NEW HORIZONS AND EL SAC IS NO MORE. IT IS THE BIRTH OF A GOOD DAY!

YES, UNCLE! THANKS TO YOU AND A DOVE OF PEACE THAT REMEMBERED ITS WAY HOME!

AH, BUT IS THE SACK NO MORE? WE SHALL SEE...

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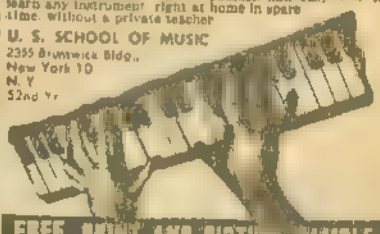

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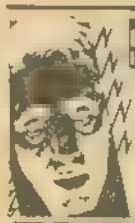

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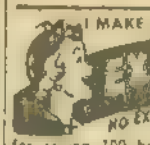

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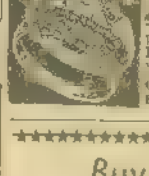

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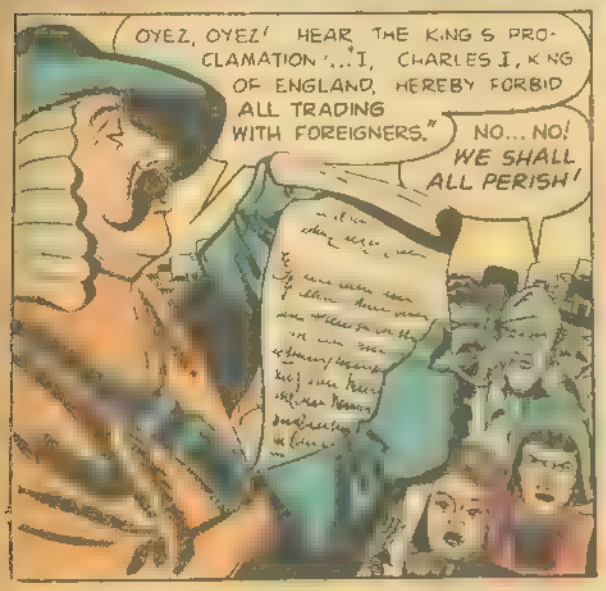
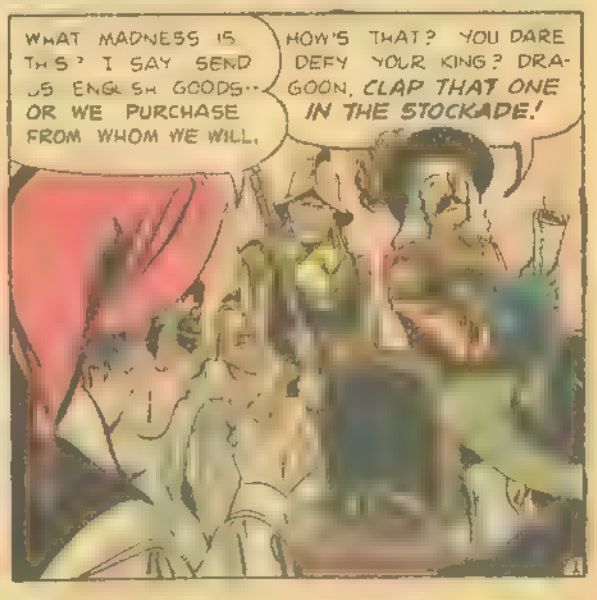


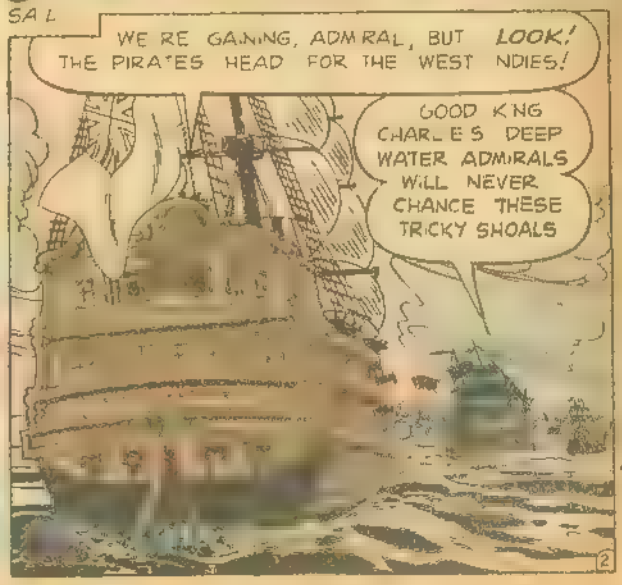


BUT, THOUGH MANY COLONISTS WERE FLUNG INTO JAIL....

A FEW MOMENTS LATER, ON MUFFLED OARS..

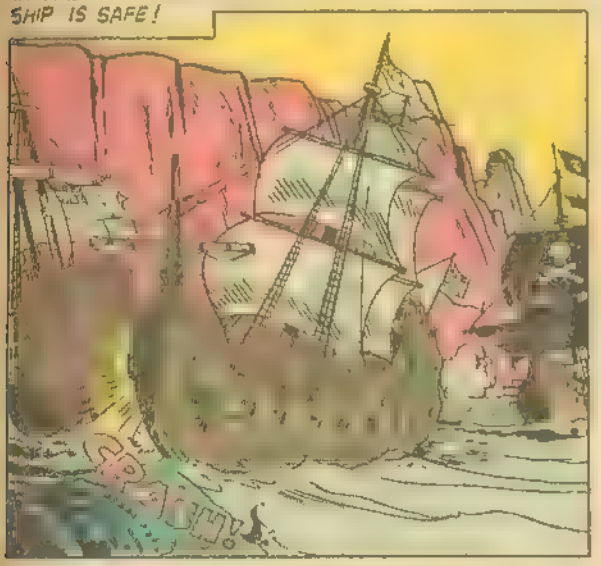
MEANWHILE, ACROSS THE SEA, IN LONDON TOWN..

BUT EVEN THOUGH ENGLISH FLEETS GRIMLY SET SAIL

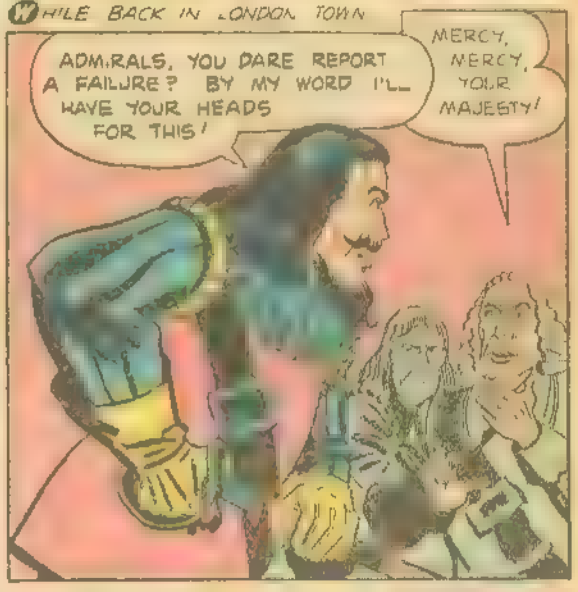


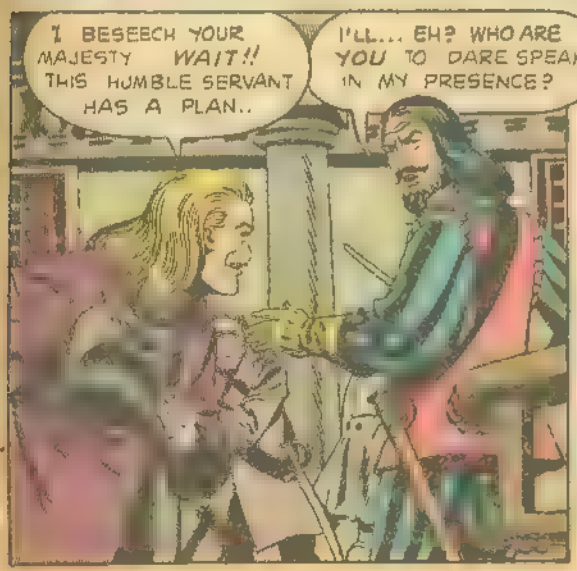
AND AS DARING PIRATE SHIPS CONTINUE TO ELUDE ENGLISH FLEETS FREEBOOTING RISES TO INCREDIBLE HEIGHTS

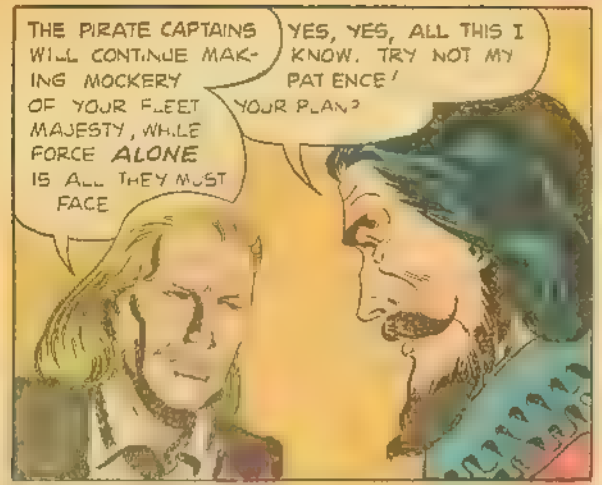
...UNTIL THE SEAS RUN RED AND NO COMMERCIAL SHIP IS SAFE!

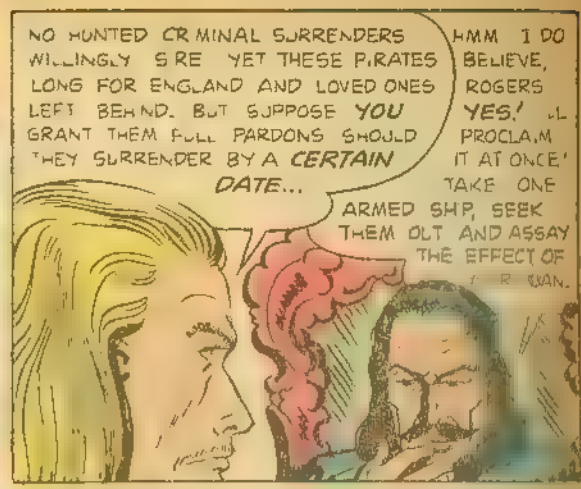


WHILE BACK IN LONDON TOWN



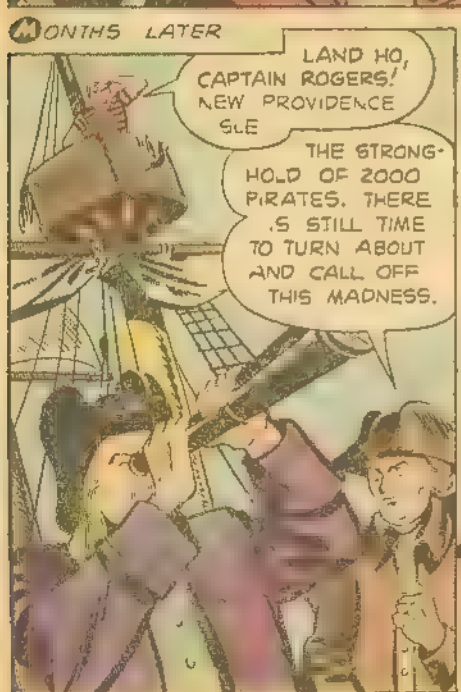



THE PIRATE CAPTAINS WILL CONTINUE MAKING MOCKERY OF YOUR FLEET MAJESTY, WHILE FORCE ALONE IS ALL THEY MUST FACE
YES, YES, ALL THIS I KNOW. TRY NOT MY PATIENCE! YOUR PLAN?


NO HUNTED CRIMINAL SURRENDERS WILLINGLY SURE YET THESE PIRATES LONG FOR ENGLAND AND LOVED ONES LEFT BEHIND. BUT SUPPOSE YOU GRANT THEM FULL PARDONS SHOULD THEY SURRENDER BY A CERTAIN DATE...
HMM I DO BELIEVE, ROGERS YES! I'LL PROCLAIM IT AT ONCE! TAKE ONE ARMED SHIP, SEEK THEM OUT AND ASSAY THE EFFECT OF YOUR PLAN.

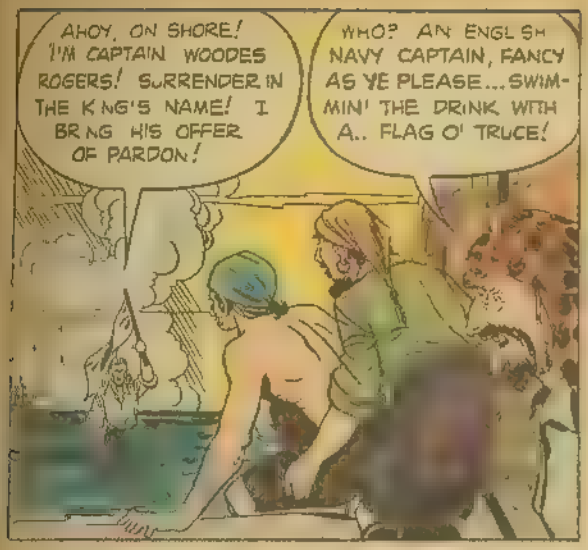
THUS, NEXT DAY.
RUMORED CAPTAIN ROGERS CARRIES THE KING'S OWN COMMISSION
AYE BUT WE ARE BUT ONE ARMED SHIP WHILE THE BUCCANEERS POSSESS ENTIRE FLEETS! THERE'S ROGERS NOW... SHH!

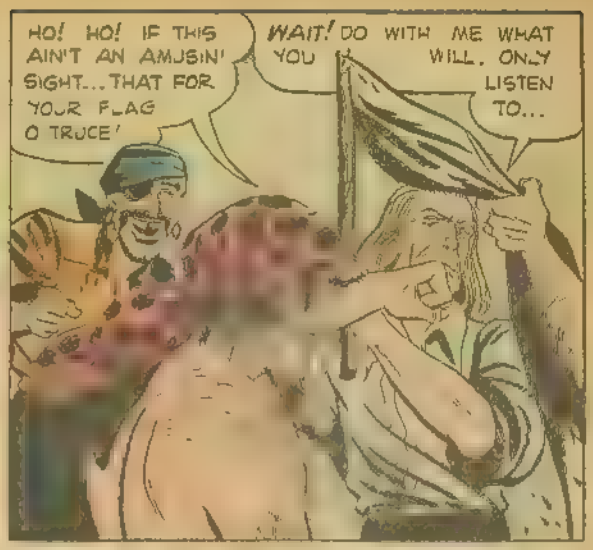
LIFT ANCHOR .. IN KING CHARLES NAME! SET COURSE FOR NEW PROVIDENCE, PROVIDENCE ISLE, THE BAHAMAS. AWAY!
THE PIRATE HEADQUARTERS? WE ARE DOOMED!


MONTHS LATER
LAND HO, CAPTAIN ROGERS! NEW PROVIDENCE ISLE
THE STRONGHOLD OF 2000 PIRATES. THERE IS STILL TIME TO TURN ABOUT AND CALL OFF THIS MADNESS.

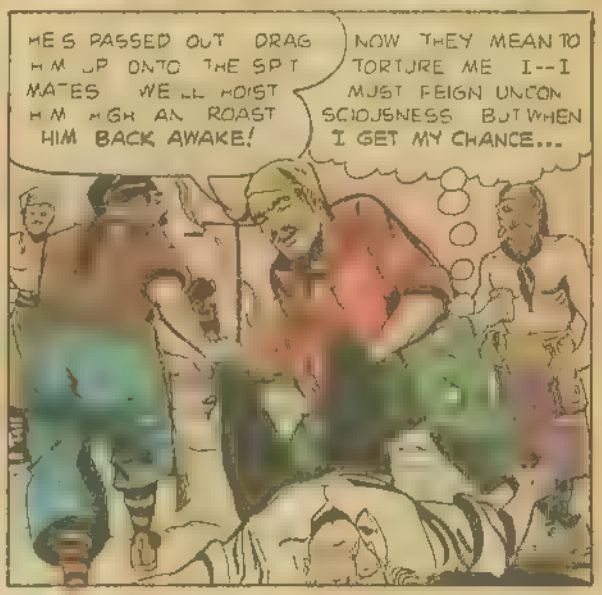
MADNESS? FOR SHAME, MISTER I LOSE NO HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH MY PLAN! HAND ME THE FLAG OF TRUCE. STAND BY!
YOU'RE GOING ASHORE-- ALONE?

AYE, ALONE--TO OFFER THESE CUTTHROATS THE KING'S GOOD PARDON HEAVE TO AND AWAIT MY RETURN
NO. NO! CAPTAIN... YOU'LL NEVER RETURN!

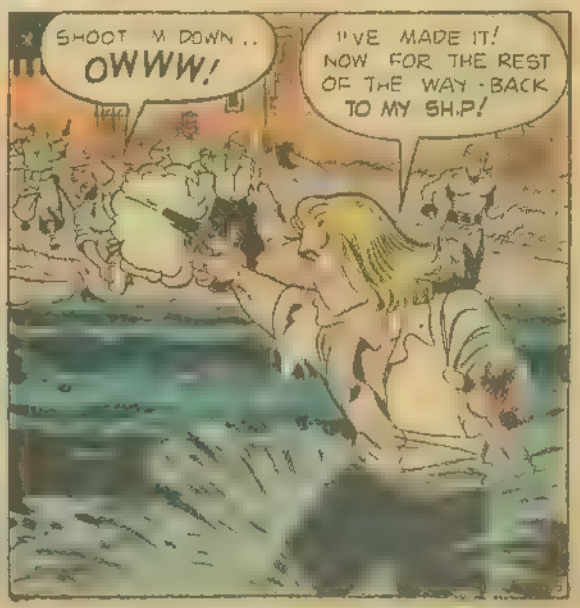

AHOY, ON SHORE! I'M CAPTAIN WOODES ROGERS! SURRENDER IN THE K NG'S NAME! I BR NG HIS OFFER OF PARDON!
WHO? AN ENGL SH NAVY CAPTAIN, FANCY AS YE PLEASE... SWIM-MIN' THE DRINK WITH A.. FLAG O' TRUCE!

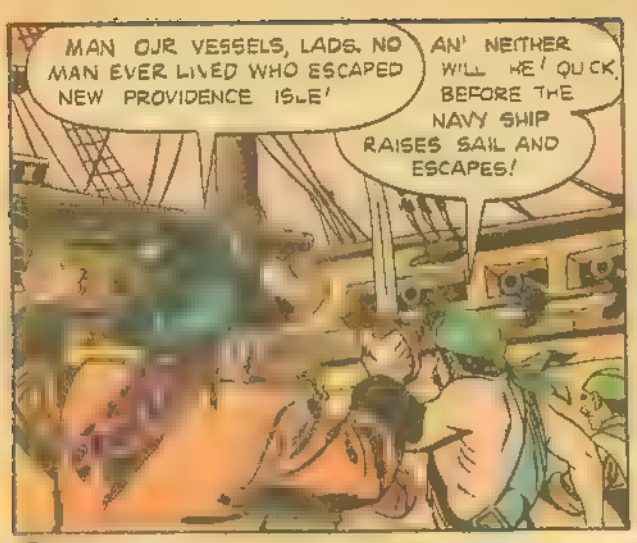

HO! HO! IF THIS AIN'T AN AMUSIN' SIGHT... THAT FOR YOUR FLAG O TRUCE!
WAIT! DO WITH ME WHAT YOU WILL. ONLY LISTEN TO...

RUN THE GAUNTLET, CAP N-- AN' LEARN WHAT WE THINK O' K NG CHARLIE AN HIS SPIT AN' POLISH NAVY!
PLEASE YOU W LL A LL BE PARDONED F YOU WILL SURRENDER BY-- OHH!

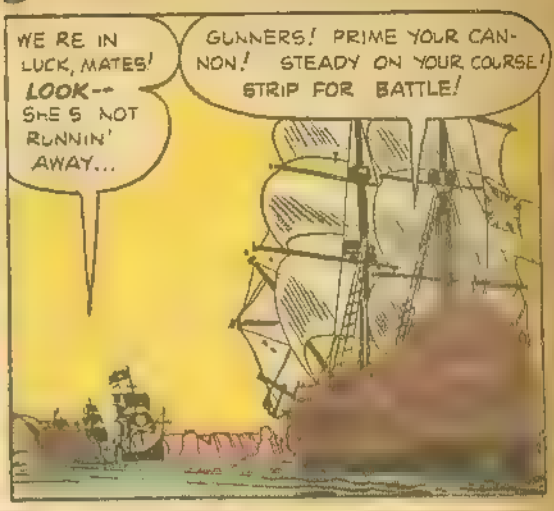

HE'S PASSED OUT DRAG H M UP ONTO THE SPIT MATES WE'LL HOIST H M HIGH AN ROAST HIM BACK AWAKE!
NOW THEY MEAN TO TORTURE ME I--I MUST FEIGN UNCON SCIOUSNESS BUT WHEN I GET MY CHANCE...

WHA--? HE'S TRICKED US! AFTER HIM, BEFORE HE TAKES OFF!

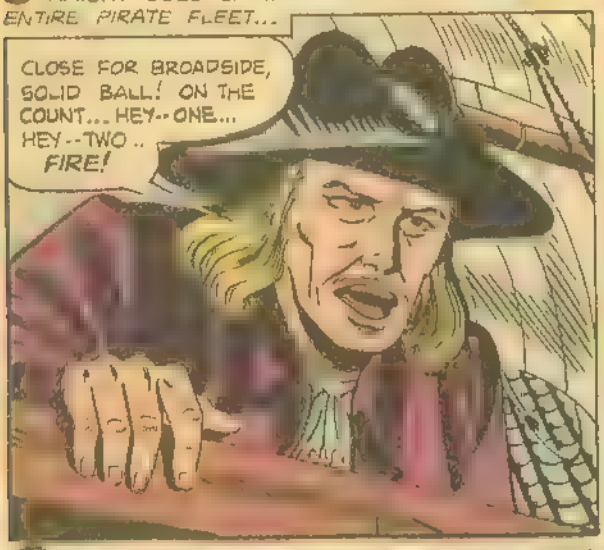

SHOOT M DOWN.. OWWW!
I'VE MADE IT! NOW FOR THE REST OF THE WAY - BACK TO MY SH.P!

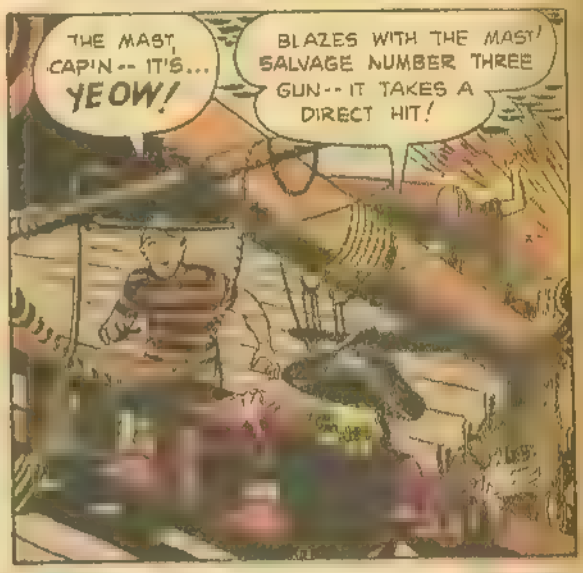


BUT INSTEAD OF ATTEMPTING ESCAPE...

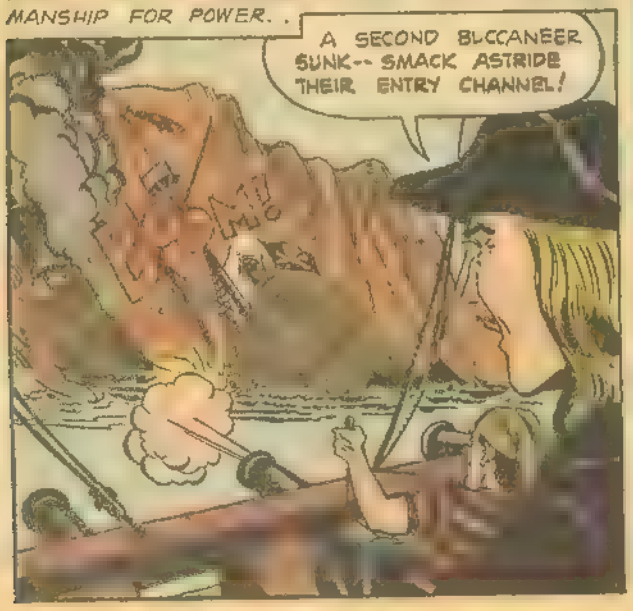


STRAIGHT GOES CAPTAIN ROGERS--FOR THE ENTIRE PIRATE FLEET...





SINGLE SHIP AGAINST THE FURY OF THE PIRATE PACK... CAPTAIN WOODES ROGERS SUBSTITUTES SEAMANSHIP FOR POWER..

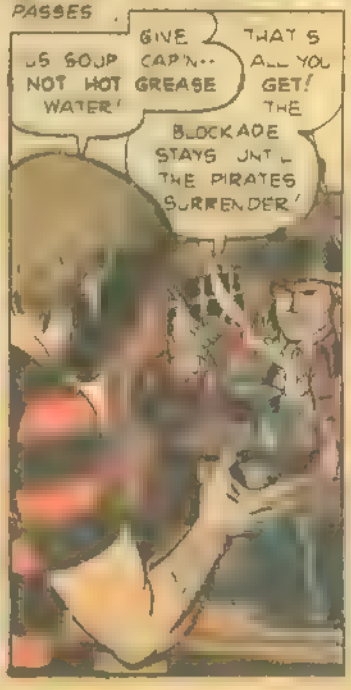


AS MANY DAYS PASS, THE BLOCKADED PIRATES AGAIN AND AGAIN SEEK TO SLIP OUT..

WITH EACH STRATAGEM FAILING, THE TRAPPED BUCCANEERS TRY A DIFFERENT, TEMPTING TACK...

AND AS DAYS TURN INTO WEEKS, THE MERRY SHORESIDE FEASTING CONTINUES. THE NAVY STORES RUN LOW...

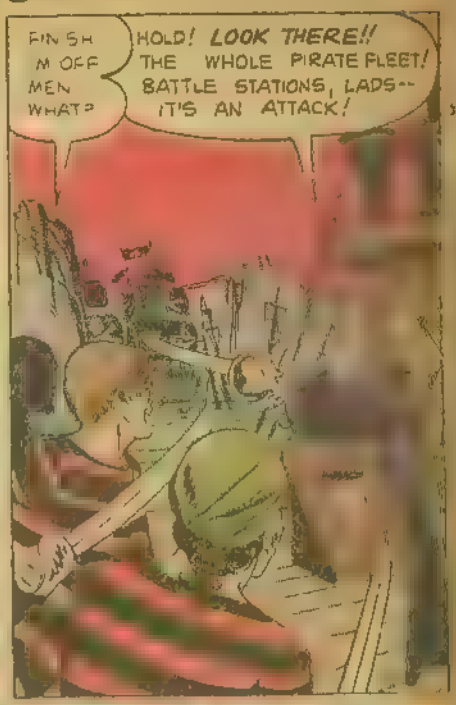
BUT AS YET ANOTHER WEEK PASSES,



THEN THAT SAME NIGHT,

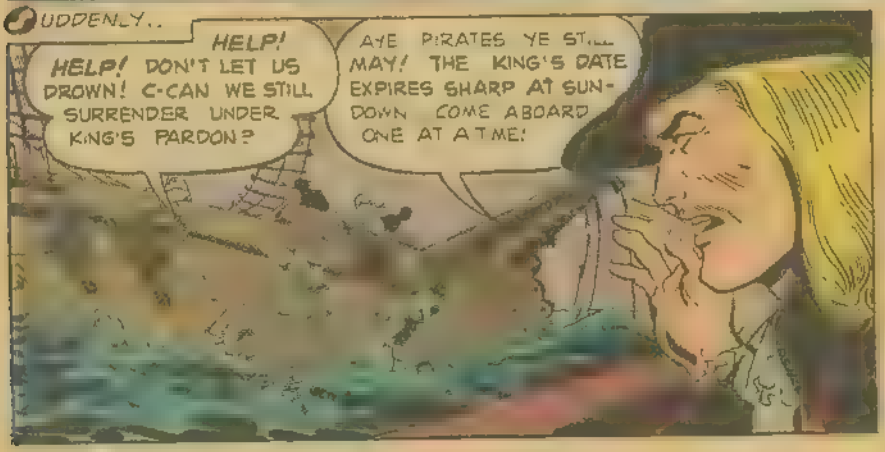
ON SHORE HOWEVER...

WHILE BACK ON ROGERS' SHIP...



AGAIN AND AGAIN, THE PIRATE FLEET SLASHES FORWARD EACH TIME TO MEET ROGERS' BATTLING BROADSIDES.

SUDDENLY..



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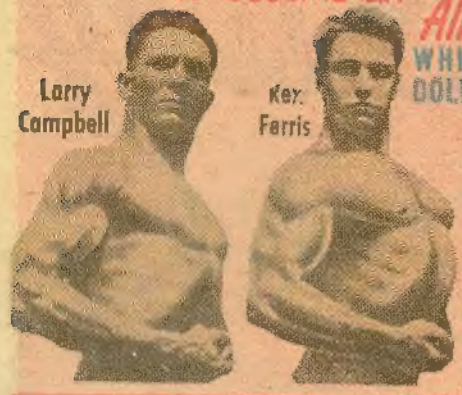

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Medical science gives us the truth about a lovely skin. There are small specks of dust and dirt in the air all the time. When these get into the open pores in your skin, they can in time cause the pores to become larger and more susceptible to dirt particles, dust and infection. These open pores begin to form blackheads which become infected and bring you the humiliation of pimples, blackheads or other blemishes. When you neglect your skin by not giving it the necessary care, you leave yourself wide open to externally caused skin miseries. Yet proper attention with the double Viderm treatment may mean the difference between enjoying the confidence a fine skin gives you or the embarrassment of an ugly, unbeautiful skin that makes you want to hide your face.

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